

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your interest in the Harmony Film Festival!

Originating as an individual initiative, the Festival was conceptualised to foster artistic expression within the community, in turn promoting film as a relevant and powerful arts medium.

In its second year, the Festival aims to give both professional and non-professional filmmakers, the opportunity to present a short film or video on the theme of 'Woman'.

In its 1985 "The Promise of World Peace" statement, the international governing council of the Bahá'í Faith, the Universal House of Justice, highlighted an important relationship between the role of women and the establishment of world peace:

"The emancipation of women, the achievement of full equality between the sexes, is one of the most important, though less acknowledged prerequisites of peace. The denial of such equality perpetrates an injustice against one half of the world's population and promotes in men harmful attitudes and habits that are carried from the family to the workplace, to political life, and ultimately to international relations. There are no grounds, moral, practical, or biological, upon which such denial can be justified. Only as women are welcomed into full partnership in all fields of human endeavour will the moral and psychological climate be created in which international peace can emerge".

This year we invite filmmakers to explore some of the themes raised in this statement in their entries.

Harmony Film Festival will be held on the evening of Saturday, 22nd October. Entries must be in before Friday, 30th September and a selection of the best films will be screened on the night and judged by a panel of professionals from the film and media industries. Winners will be selected in such categories as Best Film, Most Original Concept and Achievement and awards given out at the end of the evening in our awards ceremony. These awards are named in honor of individuals who have dedicated their lives to rendering service towards peace and humanity.

You may make more than one film however each entry must follow these guidelines:

SUBMISSION CRITERIA

1. The total running time must be 5 – 10 minutes in length, including credits.
2. The theme of each film will be "Woman", however filmmakers are free to explore and present this theme in whatever manner, style or genre they choose while still keeping in mind ethical and moral standards (ie no obscene images or language) and that the films are for general exhibition. If you still are unsure about something and need more information feel free to ask us.
3. All films must be submitted on DVD or Mini DV with the title and name(s) of the production team members. The total running time should be clearly marked on the tape and cover, along with a completed and signed entry form.

An entry fee of \$30.00 AU dollars must accompany all entries, by cheque or money order, made to Harmony Film Festival and sent to the above address. If you wish to use electronic banking you'll need to email info@harmonyfilmfest.com to let us know. Our electronic banking details are:



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address: **PO Box 631, Haberfield NSW 2045, Australia** email: info@harmonyfilmfest.com fax: **+61 2 9712 4632** mobile: **+61 (0) 413 330 452**

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The entry fee is non-refundable after the entry has been received.

4. Any non-English entries must contain English sub-titles.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Friday 30th of September 2005

All submissions must be posted to along with a completed entry form and an entry fee of AUD\$30 made payable to Harmony Film Festival:

Harmony Film Festival
PO Box 631
Haberfield
NSW 2045
AUSTRALIA.

Please note that films will not be returned so ensure you make a copy before sending in your submission.

We wish you every success in your preparations and look forward to seeing your film at the 2005 Harmony Film Festival.

Warm Regards
Film Festival Team