



**Los Angeles County Holiday Celebration
51st Annual Holiday Celebration
Short Film Contest Guidelines**
Deadline: Wednesday, November 3, 2010 at 4:00 pm

GENERAL INFORMATION

Each year since 1959 the Arts Commission has produced a free Holiday Celebration on December 24th on behalf of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. Community and professional choirs, music ensembles, and dance companies representing the diverse cultures and holiday traditions of LA County perform in the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion at the Music Center while the program is broadcast on KCET. More than 7,000 people attend the program each year and about a million Southern Californian households tune into the broadcast.

This year the 51st Annual Los Angeles County Holiday Celebration will be held Friday, December 24, 2010 at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion.

OVERVIEW

For the first time the Arts Commission is soliciting for short film submissions by Los Angeles County-based aspiring and professional filmmakers to feature in the Holiday Celebration program. These short films will creatively incorporate the theme of "childhood memories from the holidays."

Filmmakers must submit their short films according to the criteria below by Wednesday, November 3, 2010 at 4:00pm. A panel of Holiday Celebration and KCET producers and artists will select the top films, and will make them available in a publicly viewable forum by Wednesday, December 1, 2010. The public will be invited to vote on their top three film selections and the winners will be featured on the broadcast of the 51st Annual Los Angeles County Holiday Celebration on local PBS television station KCET. Filmmakers whose short films appear on the program will receive an honorarium of \$1,000 each.

ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

- Filmmaker must be a Los Angeles County Resident.
- Short films must uniquely and creatively incorporate the theme of "childhood memories from the holidays" and may be in any style or genre (drama, comedy, documentary, etc.).

- Short films must be suitable for broadcast in a public forum and suitable for a multi-cultural, multi-denominational holiday themed program. Individual films may address specific cultural traditions.
- Filmmakers must have all legal rights to all parts of the short films including broadcast rights to music and written permission of actors or individuals appearing in the film. If using original music, the composer name and contact information must be noted.
- Submitted films must not be longer than two minutes in length and must be shot and submitted in one of the following aspect ratios:

720 x 486 (4:3) or
1440 x 1080 (16:9) or
1920 x 1080 (16:9) or
and in mono or stereo audio

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINE

Your submission must include the following materials to be considered:

- Three DVD-R copies of the film submission, labeled with film title and submitter's name
- One HDV, MiniDV, Quicktime Movie or MPEG4 of the film submission, labeled with film title and submitter's name
- A completed registration form, available at www.lacountyarts.org/holiday.html
- Signed broadcast release forms from all individuals appearing in your film, available at www.lacountyarts.org/holiday.html
- A full list of production credits including song titles and composer information for all music featured (if applicable) and a letter confirming ownership or negotiated rights to use featured music.

All materials must be received via mail or hand delivery by Wednesday, November 3, 2010 at 4:00 pm at:

Holiday Celebration 2010 Film Contest
c/o John Anson Ford Theatres
2580 Cahuenga Blvd. East
Hollywood, CA 90068

Questions? Please direct them to publicevents@arts.lacounty.gov. We look forward to receiving your submission!