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Rahway, NJ- Big Dreams & Silver Screens Youth Festival (formerly the Rahway Film Festival Jr), is now moving into its second season.

This program is geared towards New Jersey students in grades 3 through 12, meant to encourage students' storytelling capabilities through the lens of filmmaking.

Big Dreams & Silver Screens Youth Festival encourages New Jersey students to create a short film, under 30 minutes in length. The film can be a fiction, based on a book in current student curriculum, an original idea, or a documentary focused on their personal role model. Movies may be filmed on a smartphone, digital camera, camcorder, or other device. There is NO COST to submit. Participation is ABSOLUTELY FREE.

This program is competitive and not all submissions will be selected for presentation. The films that are selected will then be adjudicated. The films will be screened at **Patria Latin Bistro**, a long-standing sponsor of <u>Rahway International Film Festival</u> and Big Dreams and Silver Screens, in Rahway, NJ on **Saturday**, **June 3**, **2017** from **2pm-4pm**. The winner will be announced and celebrated immediately following the film presentations.

The grand prize winner will have their film screened at the main film festival, Rahway International Film Festival taking place on September 22-24, 2017 at their new venue, the <u>James Ward Mansion</u> in Westfield, NJ and will also be offered a guest appearance on Edison TV's show "Classic Movies with Ron MacCloskey" (with parental consent).

All films are to be submitted through the festival's FilmFreeway platform at https://filmfreeway.com/festival/BigDreams.

Teachers and/or parents may also submit on behalf of their students. The submitter will be responsible for ALL communication with festival directors and must monitor their e-mail accordingly.

Submissions are open through May 15, 2017.

The Big Dreams & Silver Screens Youth Festival is a program of Big Dreams & Silver Screens, a non-profit organization currently seeking 501(c)3 status. Our sponsor is <u>Just Be You Performing Arts</u>, an organization dedicated to mentoring and enriching young aspiring performing artists in a positive, uplifting, safe, and fun environment.











ARE YOU A STUDENT? HAVE A STORY TO TELL? SHARE IT WITH US!

RULES

Eligible: Grades 3-12 Must be a resident of New Jersey

Films must be under 30 minutes in length.

NO foul language, violence, or sexual content. Applicants who ignore these requirements will be disqualified. Story may be ORIGINAL or based on a book from current student curriculum.

Deadline: No films will be accepted after May 15, 2017

Documentaries are welcome.

Have fun with it!

SUBMISSIONS

Submit through our FilmFreeway platform! Find our listing at https://filmfreeway.com/festival/BigDreams Submissions are FREE, FREE, FREE!

GRAND PRIZE

One winning film will be chosen to premiere at the 5th Annual Rahway International Film Festival being held on September 22-24, 2017 at the James Ward Mansion in Westfield, NJ! The winning filmmaker will be offered a guest appearance on the show Classic Movies with Ron MacCloskey. Parental consent required if winner is under 18 yrs of age.

LOCATION

Selected films will be showcased at the 2nd Annual Big Dreams & Silver Screens Youth Festival (formerly RFF Jr.) on June 3, 2017.

2pm at Patria Latin Bistro 169 W Main St Rahway, NJ 07065

Suggested Donation: \$10



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