

# ALEXANDRIA FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES 2015 CALL FOR ENTRIES

**ALEXANDRIA, VA, JUNE 4, 2015** -- Known for bringing enriching short and feature length films of all genres, filmmaker panels and arts presentations to this historic and unique city, the Alexandria Film Festival is a yearly celebration of film. AFF presents emerging and established, local and international filmmakers to engaged audiences from Alexandria and the greater Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. Last year, the festival brought more than 60 films and 50 filmmakers to Alexandria to personally interact with audiences. Visiting filmmakers came from as far away as Sri Lanka and Uruguay and as near as Alexandria. Submissions are now open with the following deadlines:

Early Bird Deadline: July 13, 2015  
Regular Deadline: August 3, 2015  
Late Deadline: September 9, 2015

The ninth annual Alexandria Film Festival will be held November 6-8, 2015. Venues will include AMC Hoffman 22 Theater and Beatley Central Library. This year's film competition categories are as follows:

- [Short](#)
- [Feature Length](#)

Alexandria is home to film producers and enthusiasts, arts patrons, members of Congress and their staff, corporate executives and other influential groups. The city attracts many visitors and residents of the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area who value its arts and history community as well as diplomats and embassy representatives.

As a city strengthened by great diversity, the Alexandria Film Festival encourages film submissions about, set in or made by filmmakers from the following countries, culture and regions. All films with international backgrounds will be considered.

- Africa
- African-American
- Armenia
- Ireland
- United Kingdom
- Cambodia
- Vietnam
- Southeast Asia
- Israel
- The Middle East
- El Salvador
- Mexico
- Latin America
- Native Americans
- China
- Japan
- Australia
- The Pacific Rim

In addition to a confluence of international communities, Alexandria also prides itself on being a budding eco-city. AFF continues to feature films that focus on sustainability and provide a view into environmental, social and economical issues and sub-issues related to sustainable agriculture, architecture, culture, and more. Filmmakers are encouraged to interpret these categories broadly.

Awards include:

- Best of Show (\$300)
- Jury Prize (\$200)
- Audience Award (\$100)

Many films and filmmakers who have participated in the Alexandria Film Festival have been recognized for their achievements:

- AFF official selection “Alive Inside” won the Audience Award at the 2014 Sundance Film Festival
- AFF 2007 Grand Jury award winner “War Dance,” was nominated for the 2008 Academy Award. Filmmaker and AFF speaker Andrea Nix Fine went on to win the Oscar for Best Documentary Short in 2013 with co-director Sean Fine for “Innocente.”
- 2014 AFF Foreign Language Film award for “Silent Tears” (Mouna Vizhiththuligal) won 4 awards at the World Short Film Competition Festival 2015 in London.
  - Best Director - Ilango Ram
  - Best Editor - Saman Alvitigala/ Roshan Edward
  - Best Child Artist - Beenu Asalya Sri Kumara

“Silent Tears” also won Best Short Film award at the Norway Tamil Film Festival and Best Foreign Language Film Award at the International Filmmaker Festival of World Cinema in London

- 2011 AFF Official Selection “Where Soldiers Come From” won the 2012 News and Documentary Emmy, as well as the Independent Spirit Truer Than Fiction Award in 2012.

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