



Southeast Overtown/Park West Community Redevelopment Agency

## Call for Film Entries

For the

# 2012 American Black Film Festival COMMUNITY SHOWCASE

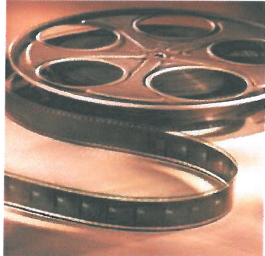
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## 2012 American Black Film Festival Community Showcase

The Southeast Overtown/Park West Community Redevelopment Agency (the "CRA"), in partnership with Film Life, Inc, producers of the American Black Film Festival, is pleased to announce the opening of a call for entries for film shorts for the American Black Film Festival Community Showcase ("Community Showcase"). The purpose of the Community Showcase is to highlight the tremendous outstanding talent that is available locally and further to attract film and entertainment related businesses to locate within the community redevelopment areas of the City of Miami.



The CRA is committed to fostering a healthy film and entertainment district by encouraging the development of training and incubator programs aimed at supporting both up and coming and established artists, highlighting Miami talent through the recognition to excellence in the art of filmmaking and screenwriting, and providing incentives to locate studios within the community redevelopment areas. All Filmmakers that are selected to have their film included in the Community Showcase will receive a festival package to the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual American Black Film Festival ("ABFF") and have their films premiered in the Community Showcase.

Filmmakers and screenwriters who are residents of Miami-Dade County are invited and encouraged to participate. Entries will be reviewed by a Film Screening committee comprised of film and entertainment industry professionals and will be graded based on artistic merit and commercial appeal.

### RULES OF ELIGIBILITY

Submissions must be received by the deadline listed below. The CRA will not consider films submitted after the deadline.

1. Films must have been completed after January 1, 2011.
2. Films must not have had any commercial, theatrical, or television play in the United States. Feature films must not have had any public or festival screenings in the State of Hawaii. Films may be of any length, and of any genres, including features, documentaries, shorts, student films and experimental films.
3. The CRA will consider works-in-progress, films with temporary sound tracks, digital outputs, and work that did not originate from film.
4. All films with dialogue in a language other than English must be subtitled in English for Community Showcase presentation.

### DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS

The deadline for submissions is **3:00pm on Thursday, May 17, 2012**

## CATEGORIES:

Entries invited from the cultural Diaspora and all Filmmakers dealing with issues relating to:

- Intercultural and Multi-Heritaged Societies
- Miami Documentaries; and
- Children's and Art Films (i.e.: Dance, Theatre, Fine Arts, etc.)

## ACCEPTED EXHIBITION FORMATS

The CRA will only accept DVD submissions. All other film formats will be rejected.

## SUBMISSION PROCESS:

The duration of the Films shall not exceed 30 minutes running time. Films can be live action or animation. There is no submission fee. All submissions **MUST** include:

1. Two DVD copies of your highest quality copy of your film clearly labeled with title and running time (maximum running time is 30 minutes).
2. A short synopsis of the film (80-100 words)
3. The Respondent's contact information, which shall include a contact name, phone number and email address.

Submissions are to be delivered by mail or courier to the City of Miami, Office of the City Clerk at the following address:

Mail submissions to:  
City of Miami  
Office of the City Clerk  
3500 Pan American Drive  
Miami, Florida 33133  
REF: 2012 ABFF Community Showcase

## COMMUNITY SHOWCASE PRIZE

- Invitation to the Official Opening Welcome Reception for the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual American Black Film Festival ("ABFF")
- Complimentary passes to all three (3) Master Class Workshops held at the ABFF
- Premiere screening of the selected films in the Community Showcase at the Carnival Studio Theatre at The Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County. 1300 Biscayne Boulevard, on Sunday, June 24, 2012.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The CRA is hereby granted the right to utilize an excerpt from any film submitted and accepted for exhibition at the Community Showcase for promotional purposes. Respondents submitting films in response to this solicitation hereby warrants that it is authorized to commit the film for screening, and understands and accepts these requirements and regulations.

Respondents shall indemnify and hold harmless the City of Miami and the CRA from and against any and all claims, liabilities, losses, damages, and expenses (including but not limited to attorney's fees, and costs of the court) which may be incurred by reason of any claim involving copyright, trademark, credits, publicity, screening, and loss of or damage to the screening videos entered.

