



MANHATTAN SHORT



FILM FESTIVAL

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*Audiences in over 300 Cities Spanning 6 Continents Unite for One Week for One Purpose . . .
to Judge the 10 Finalists in the
15th Annual MANHATTAN SHORT Film Festival*

New York, NY – Sept. 11th, 2012 - Filmgoers in Springfield, Missouri, will unite with audiences in over 300 cities spanning six continents to view and judge the work of the next generation of filmmakers from around the world when the 15th Annual MANHATTAN SHORT Film Festival screens at The Plaster Union Theater in Springfield on Saturday, September 29, at 7:00 PM.

Out of 520 entries received from 49 countries around the world, MANHATTAN SHORT selected ten short films as finalists. Each film is 18 minutes or under in length. Countries represented this year include Norway, The Netherlands, Russia, England, Ireland, Peru, France, Romania, Spain and the USA, in what festival organizers describe as the "United Nations of Film Festivals."

These short films will not only entertain a global audience, but will be judged by them as well. Filmgoers will be handed a voting card upon entry and asked to vote for the one film they feel should win. Votes are tallied at each participating cinema and submitted to festival headquarters where the winner will be announced in New York City, as well as posted on the net at www.ManhattanShort.com on Sunday, October 7th, at 10:00 PM.

With past finalists achieving the ultimate in recognition by being nominated and even winning the Oscar in the short film category, the Manhattan Short has become known as a breeding ground for the next big thing.

In one week, over 100,000 people from as far north as St. Petersburg, Russia, to as far south as Buenos Aires, Argentina, as far east as Kathmandu, Nepal, and as far west as Perth, Australia, to over 150 cinemas in 47 US States will come together to view and vote on these 10 films. "While the goal of any festival is to discover and promote new talent, the real aim of this festival is bringing communities together via stories from around the world," says Nicholas Mason, MANHATTAN SHORT founder and director.

"Never in my wildest dreams could I have imagined that what started as a small, relatively simple event when I projected a handful of short films onto the side of a truck on a downtown Manhattan street 15 years ago, would grow into what it is today, with communities all over the world getting together to celebrate via ten short films...it's become like Earth Day—but with film," adds Mason.

For more information on the Festival and to read detailed interviews with the 10 Finalists visit www.ManhattanShort.com or click on the following links:

- Download 300 dpi stills of the finalists' films** - http://www.manhattanshort.com/p_press_finalist_stills.html
- To see a list of cinemas taking part in 2012** - <http://www.manhattanshort.com/cinemas.html>
- To read interviews and view film trailers** - <http://www.manhattanshort.com/finalists.html>
- To view the trailer of the Festival** - <http://www.manhattanshort.com/trailer.html>

Finalists for 2012

"The Devil's Ballroom"	(Henrik M. Dahlsbrakken)	Norway
"A Curious Conjunction of Coincidences"	(Joost Reijmers)	Holland
"Where Does the Sea Flow"	(Vitaly Saltykov)	Russia
"Two & Two"	(Babak Anvari)	England
"Cluck"	(Michael Lavelle)	Ireland
"Behind the Mirrors"	(Julio O. Ramos)	Peru
"The Elaborate End of Robert Ebb"	(Clément Bolla, FX Goby, Matt Landour)	England
"Superman, Spiderman or Batman"	(Tudor Glurgiu)	Romania
"92 Skybox Alonzo Mourning Rookie Card"	(Todd Sklar)	USA
"Voice Over"	(Martin Rosete)	Spain

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