

DOCFEST STRATFORD PRESENTS:



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What would happen if students were given cell phones, digital video cameras, editing software, access to the Internet, some hands-on instruction and one day to create a digital movie?

The answer is creativity with **NO BOUNDARIES** – a one-day intensive digital media lab for students. This digital filmmaking boot camp is part of the program at the second annual edition of DocFest: The Stratford Documentary and Digital Media Festival, taking place from Wednesday, October 21st to Sunday October 25th.

The first year of the educational workshops in 2008, presented in partnership with Fanshawe College, was a huge success with 150 students taking part in the intensive one-day digital media immersion.

In 2009, the workshops return, presented in partnership with Fanshawe College, sponsored by the Frank Cowan Foundation and funded in part by the Cultural Strategic Investment Fund of the Ontario Ministry of Culture.



Watch the 2008 Video on YouTube
DocFest Stratford 2008: Open Your Eyes

What is DocFest?

Docfest is a documentary and digital media festival that showcases cutting edge documentary films and their directors from Canada and around the world in the intimate setting of Stratford City Hall Auditorium.

The Goals of DocFest

Stratford is one of the most important centres of arts and culture in North America and film is the perfect complement to its world-renowned repertory theatre, which has been home to many of the leading directors and actors of our time. As a genre, the documentary is a dominant and influential force. Digital media is opening new avenues for self-expression.

DocFest was launched in 2008 by the Stratford Media Arts Alliance, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing training opportunities for young people in the media arts.

Why the Workshops?

The workshops give students from across Southwestern Ontario hands-on experience in digital media – preparing them for post-secondary education and inspiring them to pursue careers in the rapidly growing creative digital economy.



How do your students get involved?

Docfest Stratford has been designed as a one-day event for senior secondary school students with an interest in media and creative arts. (Media studies, Drama, English).

School board contribution: \$2,500 per school board
Cost of registration: \$35 per student (includes lunch)
Dates: Wed. October 21 to Fri. October 23, 2009.
Timetable: 8:30 to 4:30 pm
Location: Downtown Stratford

Registration is limited to 150 students per day and students and/or school boards are responsible for transportation to and from the event.

Recognition

The top films from the workshops will be presented during the public screenings at DocFest Stratford. Last year the top three films were eligible to share a cash prize of up to \$400.

Supporting school boards and sponsoring organizations will receive logo recognition in all promotional materials for **No Boundaries** and **DocFest Stratford**.



Education and Career Fair

In conjunction with the student workshops, DocFest Stratford presents the **Media Arts Education and Career Fair** where colleges, universities and specialized training schools can present their programs alongside other exhibitors from the media and technology sectors. Education and Career Fair Date: Friday October 23 to Saturday October 24, 2009. **Cost for exhibitors: \$2,750 plus GST for a 10' x 10' display.**

Digital Media Competition

Students, young people and emerging professionals are invited to submit a short subject documentary – one to five minutes in length – to DocFest Stratford. Winning entries will be judged by a panel of industry professionals and presented during the public screenings of DocFest.

For More Information

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