

We the People Film Series

Call for Submissions

Albertus Magnus College invites filmmakers to submit short films that explore the impact of the US Constitution and the Bill of Rights on the lives of people living in the United States today. As examples, films can engage topics such as: freedom of speech, freedom of religion, separation of church and state, the right to bear arms, etc. The series will be in Bree Auditorium, on the campus of Albertus Magnus College, September 15-17, 2008.

Films may be narrative or documentary.

Films will be selected on the basis of artistic merit, pertinence to the topic, and the ability to educate and provoke dialogue regarding the protections, rights, and responsibilities afforded to individuals in the United States today.

Selection Process and Awards

The *We the People Film Series* is curated by Prof. Ron Waite, Chair of the Communications Department and Prof. Sean O'Connell, Academic Dean/ philosopher of aesthetics at Albertus Magnus College. A festival programming committee will select and invite films at its discretion. Those selected will be contacted via email or telephone before September 1, 2008. Three prizes will be awarded:

First Place: \$300

Second Place: \$150

Third Place: \$100

Submission Guidelines and Deadlines

- Films must be postmarked by August 1, 2008 and **received by no later than August 5, 2008.**
- All non-English films must have English sub-titles.
- Films must be submitted on DVD.
- DVDs should be labeled with the title, running-time, and contact information (name, address, email, and phone number).
- All films selected for the screening series give Albertus Magnus College rights to exhibit productions, and to create/use any related materials generated for promotional purposes.
- If you would like your DVD returned, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.
- Please indicate if we will be permitted to retain DVD copies of your film as part of our film library and for educational use.

Films should be not more than 40 minutes in length (including all credits).

Film selection will be made by the “We the People Shorts” Committee.
The entrant will be responsible for ALL SHIPPING FEES.
All filmmakers will be notified via email when submission is received.

Entry Form and Agreement: Please complete the entry form and agreement attached and submit it with your film.

Check List/Bottom Line/ Mailing Address

A completed submission must include the following:

- Your film labeled with the title, director’s name, running time, and contact number
- Completed Entry Form and Agreement signed and included in envelope/package
- If you would like your DVD returned, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Please mail the above materials to:

Prof. Ron Waite
Chair, Communications Department
Albertus Magnus College
700 Prospect Street
New Haven, CT 06511
wethepeople@albertus.edu

Entry Form for We the People Film Series 2008

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Country: _____ **Note:** _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

E-mail: _____ **Website:** _____

Film Title: _____

Year of Production: _____ (Older productions are Acceptable. We just want to know!)

Genre: _____

Director: _____

Writer: _____

Other notables involved: _____

You have my/our permission to retain DVD copies of my film as part of your film library and for educational purposes. YES or NO (Please circle.)

Note: All non-English films must have English sub-titles.
All submissions must be made in DVD format.

Artist's Statement: Briefly indicate why your film is appropriate for this film series. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

AGREEMENT

The undersigned hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Albertus Magnus College (the "Sponsor") from any and against any and all liability, loss, cost and expense (including but not limited to attorney's fees and cost of court) occasioned by:

any claim being made by anyone other than the undersigned of any right, title or interest in the entered films, the "Work," or any part thereof,

any claim involving copyright, trademark, credits, royalties, publicity, screening, or any other matter relating to the Work or any part thereof, whether foreseen or unforeseen, and

any claim arising out of loss or damage to the Work. This application constitutes the agreement of the undersigned to all "We the People Film Series" rules and guidelines.

- 1) Acceptance to the "We the People Film Series" grants the Sponsor irrevocable, non-exclusive right and license to exhibit the Work during the screening event.
- 2) Films selected for the series grant the Sponsor the rights to use DVD and press release related materials associated with the film for promotional purposes.
- 3) Sponsor is not permitted to make copies of submitted films for any public distribution or commercial sale without written consent from the artist(s).

Printed name of Entrant: _____

Signature of Entrant: _____

Date: _____