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## **2014 GEORGIA BIGPICTURECON NOW ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS FOR SHORT FILM FESTIVAL**

ATLANTA, Ga., July 10, 2014 – The Georgia BigPictureCon (GABPC) Film & Technology Conference is accepting submissions for its 2014 Short Film Festival. The festival will take place on Oct 5<sup>th</sup> at the 2014 BigPictureCon. Early entry deadline is Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup>.

“The BigPictureCon Short Film Festival is a component of our conference that we’re very proud of,” stated Nancy Howard, the BigPictureCon Executive Producer. “The festival mission is to allow student and emerging filmmakers a chance to have their work showcased at a venue where professionals and peers are present to evaluate their talent and vision, and where they can network and access opportunities for professional development.”

Howard also shared that films will be evaluated by an esteemed jury of industry professionals, such as film festival programmers and established filmmakers, based on judging criteria which takes into account elements such as quality of storyline, creativity, production quality, acting, soundtrack and editing.

Filmmakers can submit their films online at [FilmFreeway.com](http://FilmFreeway.com), or manually using instructions available on our website at BigPictureCon.com. Anyone can submit a short film on any topic. However, the piece must be family-friendly (PG or G-rated), with no grotesque violence, nudity, or other inappropriate content. Films cannot be more than 15 minutes in length. An Audience Choice Award will be selected using state-of-the-art technology for smart phones. The top three winners and the Audience Choice winner will receive cash prizes up to \$250.00.

There will be four (4) submission deadlines. Early submissions are encouraged and will be received through Friday Aug. 1. After that the regular entry deadline is Friday Aug. 15. Late submissions will be accepted through Friday Aug. 29, and an extended deadline will be available as well through Friday Sept. 12. Those whose submissions are accepted for screening will receive two 2-day passes to attend the full BigPictureCon conference. Submission fees start at \$10. Filmmakers can submit their films online at [FilmFreeway.com](http://FilmFreeway.com), or send in via a private URL link and on a DVD, USB flash drive, or class-10 SD card **with appropriate entry fee** to:

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The BigPictureCon Film & Technology Conference  
Attn: Film Festival Entry  
2997 E. Cobb Pkwy SE  
Suite 300, #724772  
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The BigPictureCon, which will be held this year Oct. 5-6 at Clayton State University in Morrow, Ga., will provide opportunities for emerging filmmakers and industry technology professionals to connect with one another and participate in a variety of educational sessions on topics like film production and technology, and web entertainment. Local film and visual-arts organizations will be able to tap into and utilize the growing local student population as a "second string" of talent to help independent filmmakers and producers maintain their competitive edge. Students in any discipline, emerging and professional filmmakers, animators, editors, writers, storytellers, audio technicians, game developers, special effects artisans, and digital media specialists are all welcome to attend.

For festival submission information, or conference registration, visit [BigPictureCon.com](http://BigPictureCon.com).

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*The BigPictureCon is produced annually by the Big Picture Film & Video Foundation, a Georgia non-profit 501(c)(3) organization established to educate, support, and utilize students and industry newcomers in the "big picture" of the Georgia film and video production community. The foundation and the BigPictureCon (formerly GABPC) were founded by Atlanta-based Producer Nancy B. Howard. For more information, please visit [BigPictureCon.com](http://BigPictureCon.com) or [BigPictureFdn.org](http://BigPictureFdn.org).*

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