



## MARGARET MEAD



### FILM & VIDEO FESTIVAL

**CALL FOR ENTRIES 2009**  
**Festival dates: November 12-15, 2009**  
**GUIDELINES and ELIGIBILITY INFO**

The American Museum of Natural History's **Margaret Mead Film & Video Festival** is the longest-running showcase for international documentaries in the United States. Encompassing a broad spectrum of work, from indigenous community media to experimental nonfiction, the Festival is distinguished by its outstanding selection of titles, which tackle diverse and challenging subjects, representing a range of issues and perspectives, and by the forums for discussion with filmmakers and speakers.

The Mead was founded by the American Museum of Natural History in 1977, in honor of pioneering anthropologist Margaret Mead on her seventy-fifth birthday and her fiftieth year at the Museum. A film festival represented an especially apt form with which to celebrate Mead's life, as she was one of the first anthropologists to recognize the significance of film for fieldwork. To this day, the Festival continues to extend Mead's vision of bringing important topics and viewpoints to a general public.

Organized by the Museum's Public Programs Division in the Department of Education, the Festival is held each November and a Traveling Festival, which includes a selection of titles from the Festival, travels to museums, universities and theaters around the United States and abroad.

### **Submissions are now open.**

**ELIGIBILITY:** The Mead Festival considers:

- Documentary films and videos (including shorts, experimental films, essay films, animation, and new media).
- Production must be completed within the last three years.
- Submissions must be in English or with English subtitles/voiceover narration.
- No resubmissions please.

*Please note that submissions will not be returned.*

**ENTRY FEE: \$10-\$35 US dollars, pay what you can afford.**

- **Make checks payable to American Museum of Natural History or pay online with a credit card ([www.amnh.org/programs/mead/submit/](http://www.amnh.org/programs/mead/submit/)).**
- **For questions regarding this fee see the Mead Entry Fee FAQ.**

### **PREVIEW FORMATS:**

- DVD (Multi-zone or Zone 1, North American only)
- 1/2" VHS (Clearly mark NTSC or PAL on the tape)

*Label your tape or DVD with your name, email address and the title of your submission.*

### **PRESENTATION FORMATS:**

- 16mm, Beta SP (NTSC), DigiBeta (NTSC), and DVD.
- Works in any language other than English must have English subtitles or English voiceover narration.



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### DEADLINES:

- Early deadline: April 13, 2009
- Final deadline: May 29, 2009
- EXTENDED DEADLINE: JUNE 26, 2009

*Entries must be postmarked by above dates.*

**TRAVELING FESTIVAL:** Select titles will be invited to participate in the Margaret Mead Traveling Festival, featured at independent film and community centers, museums, and universities throughout the United States and abroad. An honorarium is provided.

### NOTIFICATION:

- All entrants will be notified in September 2009 via email. Please be sure the Margaret Mead Film & Video Festival email address ([meadfest@amnh.org](mailto:meadfest@amnh.org)) does not get caught in your spam filter.
- The Mead Festival does not confirm receipt of submissions. We suggest using a traceable method, such as FedEx, if you would like confirmation of delivery. Due to the high volume of submissions the Mead Festival cannot confirm receipt of entries without a self addressed stamped postcard.

*Please do not call or write to check on your submission.*

*Check Mead's complete FAQ sheet before submitting your work.*

### ENTRY PROCEDURE:

- Download and complete the Mead **Entry Form** ([www.amnh.org/mead](http://www.amnh.org/mead)) or enter through Withoutabox.com (WAB.) If you submit through WAB do not send a paper entry form and do not email your entry information.
- Fill out a separate form for each entry
- Email [meadfest@amnh.org](mailto:meadfest@amnh.org) the director's name, film title, email address, and street address upon mailing your submission and entry form. (Not applicable to WAB entrants.)
- Pay entry fee through WAB, send a check along with your entry or go to the Mead web site to pay your fee ([www.amnh.org/programs/mead/submit/](http://www.amnh.org/programs/mead/submit/))
- Please mail a copy with your preview tape or DVD to:

Margaret Mead Film & Video Festival  
American Museum of Natural History  
Central Park West at 79th Street  
New York, NY 10024 USA  
Tel: +1 212-769-5305  
Fax: +1 212-769-5329  
[www.amnh.org/mead](http://www.amnh.org/mead)



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### 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Margaret Mead Film & Video Festival ENTRY FORM

Early Deadline: April 13, 2009

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*Please type into the document or print clearly.*

*Please note there are 5 short sections to this entry form. Please follow the directions in each section, sign the entry form and mail with your entry to: Margaret Mead Film & Video Festival, American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West at 79<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10024 USA*

### 1. FILM INFORMATION

Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

English title (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Country of origin/countries featured: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of completion: \_\_\_\_\_ Running time: \_\_\_\_\_

Film website: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you screened at the Mead Festival before?  YES  NO

If so, when and with what film(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

Please write a two sentence description of your film here:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### 2. FILMMAKER CONTACT

Director name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Web Site: \_\_\_\_\_

What person/organization referred you to the Mead? \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. OTHER CONTACT INFORMATION (Producer, Distributor, etc)

Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Web Site: \_\_\_\_\_

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### 4. TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Film Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of completion: \_\_\_\_\_ Running time: \_\_\_\_\_

Original Format (The format(s) on which your piece was shot):  35mm  16mm  Super8  High Definition

Digital Beta  BetaSP  Mini DV  CD  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibition Format(s):  35mm  16mm  Super8  Digital Beta (NTSC or PAL?)

BetaSP (NTSC or PAL?)  Mini DV (NTSC or PAL?)  DVD (NTSC or PAL?)

Is your film color or black and white? \_\_\_\_\_ Is your film sound or silent? \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us how you heard about the Mead (please be specific) \_\_\_\_\_

### 5. ATTACHMENTS – Please include the following information with your entry

- Brief synopsis: 1 page or less plus a 2 or 3 sentence description
- Filmmaker(s) bio and filmography
- List of awards and screenings, if any

### SUBMISSION CHECKLIST *Please read, this is important!*

- Please read the Mead Guidelines (pages 1 & 2) before submitting your film or video. Entrants are also encouraged to read our Frequently Asked Questions documents before contacting the Mead with questions. These can be accessed at <http://www.amnh.org/mead>
- Please pay your entry fee. You can send in a check made out to American Museum of Natural History with your entry or pay online at via credit card at [amnh.org/mead](http://amnh.org/mead)
- In addition to mailing your entry form and preview copy, please email your entry form to: [meadfest@amnh.org](mailto:meadfest@amnh.org)
- Include a VHS or DVD preview copy of your submission. Please label submissions with title of film/video, entrants name and email address
- A one page (maximum) description of your film or video. This is in addition to a 2 to 3 sentences description. Also include a filmography – this is list of films you have made and your roll in their production
- Send your submission via a traceable method if you would like confirmation of receipt. No calls or emails please.
- Complete list of screenings (if any)
- Publicity Materials and stills (optional)

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I hereby allow the Margaret Mead Film & Video Festival to preview my film/video. By signing this document I pledge that I hold the rights to this film/video and have the right to distribute this material to Mead. I understand that once submitted my entry cannot be withdrawn. If accepted, the Mead reserves the right to keep this preview for the Mead Archives.

Signature

Date

*Please send your submission form and entries to:  
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Central Park West at 79<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10024 US*

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