***We accept all films***. We particularly encourage submissions that are reflective of modern social conditions and climates. In addition to providing encouragement for filmmakers working in these areas, the Festival will enhance community life by offering diverse audiences, young and mature, the chance to interact with the filmmakers and explore the issues addressed.

MISSION & OBJECTIVE

Our mission is to offer a venue for all interested filmmakers, first-time through professional, to explore the multitude of issues affecting our world today while at the same time connecting them with the Hollywood Film Industry so that together we can “Provoke Thought and Inspire Solutions” Building relationships between the filmmaker and the Hollywood industry professionals that can make a difference.

The festival’s mission is to bridge the gap between The Hollywood entertainment industry and the international film community with films that “provoke thought and inspire solutions,” reflective of today’s environmental, political and social issues. We actively seek a diverse array of films written, directed, and produced by new and innovative filmmakers to screen along with films by more seasoned filmmakers that address critical issues affecting young people throughout the world today. It provides a venue for talented filmmakers to screen their works in a professional setting, and to receive recognition for their achievements. The weekend long festival will celebrate the arts by bringing together filmmakers, members of the entertainment industry, and the community. We encourage the submission of short, feature length, documentary, documentary short, animation, LGBT and experimental films that are creative, original or non-formulaic.

While centered in East Los Angeles, the festival will utilize a variety of venues in the Los Angeles/Hollywood area for film screenings and associated activities. Thanks to the recently-opened light rail service to East L.A., participants can commute easily and quickly to all the venues of the festival from the center of Hollywood , historic downtown LA and enjoy the charm of East L.A.’s restaurants, shops, and galleries. Come explore East L.A.’s unique and diverse cultural history, including being the home of numerous historic synagogues, the oldest Chinese shrine in the U.S, the Latino Walk of Fame, and the largest Hispanic community in the United States. For your chance to reach an international audience and screen your film in the movie capital of the world, submit your film today.

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