**World Youth Alliance invites film directors**

**to submit original short films to the**

**3rd Annual Manhattan International Film Festival**

The **World Youth Alliance,** an international organization that promotes the dignity of the human person ([www.wya.net](http://www.wya.net)), invites young directors from around the world to submit original short films that draw viewers into deeper contemplation of the human condition.

Past films awarded by the World Youth Alliance have explored:

* The triumph of the human spirit
* The individual’s heroic use of freedom
* The power of solidarity among people from diverse backgrounds
* An authentic account of the human experience
* A creative portrayal of human dignity

To learn more about films awarded in the past, visit [www.wya.net/miff](http://www.wya.net/miff).

A panel of film industry experts will judge all submissions and invite a select number of directors to be **Manhattan International Film Festival finalists**. The work of these finalists will be featured in

NY City at the **Manhattan International Film Festival**, **February 28th – March 2nd, 2014.**

**Film director finalists** will receive:

* A public screening and critique of their film
* Invitations to social events gathering contacts in the film industry
* Opportunities to dialogue about their work with other finalists and a general public audience
* A chance to reflect on personal and professional aspirations as an artist in today’s society

Furthermore, the following prizes will be awarded at the festival:

* The **World Youth Alliance Award** for the most innovative portrayal of human dignity
* The **World Youth Alliance Artist Award** for the most creative cinematography
* The **People’s Choice Award** for the work most enjoyed by festival attendees

Following the festival, prize-winning films will be screened at the **United Nations.**

**Application requirements:**

* Complete the form on the following page, including an online link to your film as requested
* Email the completed form to [alexis@wya.net](mailto:alexis@wya.net) by **Monday, December 2nd, 2013**
* All films submitted must be independently produced and financed with the backing of no

major studio (the support of film or art schools is permissible)

* All directors entering the competition must be under age 30
* If not in the English language, all films must include English subtitles

**MANHATTAN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL APPLICATION FORM**

**Please email this form to** [**alexis@wya.net**](mailto:alexis@wya.net) **by Monday, December 2nd, 2013**

1. Full Name:

2. Birth date:

3. Mailing address:

4. Phone number:

5. Email:

6. Title of short film:

7. Online link to short film:

8. Genre:

9. Running time:

10. Program of study (past & present, if applicable):

11. Please list any film honors and achievements received:

12. In a paragraph, please describe how your film relates to the mission of the World Youth Alliance:

13. How did you hear about the Manhattan International Film Festival?

* + A staff member at one of WYA’s regional offices
  + A director who entered last year’s festival
  + By attending an event related to last year’s festival
  + An advertisement
  + An online search

14. Please indicate your level of involvement with the World Youth Alliance (WYA) to date:

* + This is the first time I have heard about WYA
  + I have a friend/family member who has been involved with WYA
  + I have signed the WYA Charter (see following page)
  + I have participated in one of WYA’s programs
  + I am enrolled in WYA’s Track A Training
  + I have completed a WYA internship

I certify that all information provided in this application is, to the best of my knowledge,

accurate and complete.

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| **DATE:** |  |

**The World Youth Alliance Charter**

The **World Youth Alliance** is composed of young men and women from every part of the world.

In cooperation with other organs of the international community, primarily the United Nations

and the European Union, the World Youth Alliance is committed to building free and just societies

through a culture of life. That culture affirms the inalienable dignity of the person, defends the

intrinsic right to life, nurtures the family, and fosters a social climate favorable to integral development, solidarity, and mutual respect.

We recognize that the intrinsic dignity of the person is the foundation of every human right. We believe

this dignity is independent of any individual condition and that no human community can grant or rescind

that dignity.

We are convinced that the intrinsic dignity possessed by every human being from conception to

natural death is the foundation of everyone's right to life. We believe that this inalienable right to life is

the basis of a free and just society and we believe that society through law and culture has an obligation to protect the dignity of the person and thus protect the right to life.

We affirm that the fundamental unit of human society is the family, where men and women learn to live in genuine freedom and solidarity, and where individuals are equipped to fulfill their social obligations.

We believe that the political community at the local, national and international level is obliged to protect

and nurture the family.

We believe that the authentic development of society can occur only in a culture that fosters integral human development - characterized by physical, spiritual, mental, and emotional growth, in a climate of respect for

the human person and the family.

We invite all those who share these convictions to join us in affirming them and give them effect in public life at all levels.

*To join the World Youth Alliance in affirming the ideas outlined above, please visit* [*http://www.wya.net/about/charter.html*](http://www.wya.net/about/charter.html) *to sign the WYA charter online, or sign below:*

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