

The 20th Annual Pan African Film Festival

February 9-20, 2012

Los Angeles



Submission Information & Procedure:

About PAFF:

The Pan African Film Festival is the largest film festival in the United States dedicated to the exhibition of Black films. Each year PAFF exhibits more than 150 films made in the U.S., Africa, Europe, the Caribbean, the South Pacific, Latin America and Canada. In 2011, 40,000+ people from both the Industry and the public attended PAFF. The 20th Annual PAFF will take place in Los Angeles, February 9-20, 2012.

Eligibility:

The Pan African Film Festival is currently accepting applications for films and videos made by and/or about people of African descent. (*Filmmaker needn't be of African descent.*) Films should preferably depict positive and realistic images and can be of any genre ---- drama, comedy, horror, adventure, animation, romance, science fiction, experimental, etc. PAFF accepts features and shorts; narratives and documentaries. We will accept submissions of works in progress; however, films and videos must be completed no later than December 31, 2011. All submissions must be in English or have English subtitles.

Competition:

PAFF competition categories are: Best Narrative Feature, The Robeson Narrative Feature Award, Best Narrative Short, Best Documentary Short, Best Documentary Feature, Best Director-First Feature, Festival Programmer's Award and Audience Favorite. Films in competition must be copyrighted no earlier than 2010. With the exception of Audience Favorite, all films are judged by an independent jury panel.

Submission Procedures:

- A DVD preview screener (NTSC or PAL) must be submitted with a signed and fully completed application with publicity materials. [Absolutely no video tapes, mini-DVs or Betas.] To be eligible for programming, the entire application MUST be completed and signed. Regular submission deadline is October 31, 2011.
- Mail all submissions and accompanying materials to:

The Pan African Film Festival • 6820 La Tijera Blvd., Suite 200 • Los Angeles, CA 90045

- If you desire confirmation that PAFF has received your entry, please include a self-address stamped postcard.
- **If you include a stamped self-addressed envelope with your application, we will do our best to return your screener VHS or DVD. However, returns are not guaranteed.**
- **DVDs of selected submissions will not be returned.**
- PAFF will not be responsible for DVDs lost or damaged in the mail.
- Selection results will be available beginning December 15, 2011. PAFF will notify you of your having been selected. Also, please check our website for postings.
- If your film is selected and you are on video format, you will be expected to send PAFF a final presentation version within 3 weeks of your notification of acceptance.

Submission Fees:

- July 2- August 15: Features (60 min. or more): \$35.00; Shorts (59min. or less): \$25.00
 - August 16-Oct 31: Features: \$45; Shorts: \$30
- LATE SUBMISSIONS: Nov 1 – Dec 1: Features: \$75; Shorts: \$55**

Presentation Format:

Upon acceptance, you will be notified of all festival projection formats. We do not project on DVD. If your film/video is selected for programming in PAFF, you will be required to submit a public projection (without watermark) version of your film in one of PAFF's projection formats.

KEEP THIS PAGE FOR YOUR REFERENCE. PLEASE DO NOT RETURN IT WITH YOUR APPLICATION.

Contacts: Tel: 310. 337-4737 • Fax: 310. 337-4736 • Email: submissions@paff.org www.PAFF.org

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SUBMISSION APPLICATION

Film Title: _____ English Title (if different) _____

Running Time: _____ **Country of Origin:** _____ **Year of Copyright:** _____

Original Language: _____ **English Subtitles:** ____ Yes ____ No

Film Website: _____

Director's Name: _____ **Contact Person** _____

Address: _____ **Address:** _____

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

Phone: _____ **Phone:** _____

Email: _____ **Email:** _____

PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE GENRE:

Narrative Documentary Animation Experimental

FESTIVAL PROJECTION FORMAT: *Film/Video must be available for festival projection in format(s) indicated.*

• **FILM:** 35mm

• **VIDEO:** HDV DVCAM MiniDV Other _____

• **ASPECT RATIO:** _____

PRINT TO BE SENT FROM:

Name: _____ **Contact Person:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** ____ **Zip:** _____

Tel: (____) _____ **e-mail:** _____

RETURN PRINT TO:

Name: _____ **Contact Person:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** ____ **Zip:** _____

Tel: (____) _____ **e-mail:** _____

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FURTHER INFORMATION:

- Screenings scheduled for 2011/12: _____
- A screening at PAFF will be a premiere: Yes No If yes, the PAFF screening will be a
(Check Only One) World US West Coast Los Angeles Premiere
- Awards Received: _____
- This film is the Director's first narrative feature film: Yes No
- The Director of my film is of African descent: Yes No
(Please Note: The Director needn't be of African descent to submit to PAFF.)
- Director has previously screened a film at PAFF: Yes No
If so, title of film: _____ Year screened: _____

PLEASE CHECK ONE:

- I have included an Electronic Publicity Kit (EPK)
- I have included printed publicity materials
- I have not included any publicity materials

BRIEF PLOT SUMMARY TO BE USED IN THE SCREENING SCHEDULE IF YOUR FILM IS SELECTED:
(No more than 30 words)

PLOT SUMMARY TO BE USED ON PAFF WEBSITE:

Additional Credits:

Screenplay _____ Costume Design _____
Cinematographer _____ Editor _____
Set Design _____ Sound _____
Music _____ Casting _____

Principal Cast:

Actor/Actress	Character Names
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

By submitting _____ (*film title*), the undersigned warrants that (s)he has the right to submit and exhibit the above-indicated film to PAFF. Further, you will indemnify and hold harmless the Pan African Film Festival, its directors, staff, sponsors and the theater exhibitor(s), its directors, management and staff against any and all claims arising out of PAFF's exhibition and promotion of said film, including claims made by filmmaker, should said film be programmed as part of the 2012 Pan African Film Festival. PAFF may use up to a 3 min. clip of said film for promotional purposes. I understand that my film/video has not been officially accepted by PAFF until it receives a screening date and time.

Submitted by:

_____	_____
Signature	Date
_____	_____
Print Name	Title

★ PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR APPLICATION IS COMPLETE AND SIGNED ★

AMAA AWARDS SUBMISSION (For Non-Continental African SUBMISSIONS ONLY):

PAFF is a partner of the African Movie Academy Awards (AMAA). As a partner of AMAA, PAFF facilitates in obtaining Non-Continental African film submissions. The AMAA is the largest film award ceremony on the African continent and is held every April in Bayelsa State, Nigeria. Films from both the continent and the diaspora compete in over 25 categories. If you wish to also submit your film for consideration to the 2012 AMAA Awards, please submit a second DVD preview screener and copy of this application and sign below. Your signature below does not insure submission of your film. PAFF's submission of your film to AMAA is solely within the discretion of PAFF and AMAA. You will be notified if your film is submitted to AMAA by PAFF. You may also submit your film directly to AMAA (*For more information about AMAA , click onto www.ama-awards.com*)

SIGNATURE

PRINT NAME