

2012 Northwest Connecticut Teen Film Festival Competition Certification & Release

Each of the undersigned hereby certify as follows:

1. I have read all of the Rules and Policies for the 2012 Northwest CT Teen Film Festival. I understand and agree with such Rules and Policies, and I have complied with those Rules and Policies.
2. The film I have submitted is my original work, I am the owner of that work, and there are no other claims of ownership to that work and no other persons whose consent to its screening would be necessary.
3. The writing, directing and producing of the film I have submitted was primarily the work of Connecticut high school students ages 14 – 18.
4. The film I have submitted does not defame or invade the rights of any other person, living or dead. The film does not contain:
 - dangerous stunts,
 - depictions or simulations of human sexual conduct,
 - nudity,
 - Foul language which would be inappropriate for children,
 - graphic depictions* of suicide, homicide or violence which would be inappropriate for family viewing, or
 - anything that violates any law.

*This area has given the most concern to the Festival Committee and our viewing audience. Please remember that the Festival is intended to be appropriate for **family viewing**. Generally, we expect films would be in the G® or mild PG® range, not PG-13® if those ratings were used. In particular, we recognize that suicide is an important and difficult issue for teenagers, and should be publicly and privately addressed under appropriate and trained supervision, including parents. Given these considerations, we have determined that the Festival is **not** an appropriate forum for broad discussion or exploration on this topic, and therefore films with a focus on suicide will likely not be shown, except perhaps carefully done documentaries. The Film Committee reserves the right to not show any film for any reason.

5. I agree to indemnify the Festival Committee, the Northwest Connecticut Teen Film Festival, and all persons involved in the Festival against any claims made by any person(s) for damages, or criminal penalties, based upon any content of my work, including the use of other artists' creative work in my film.
6. I understand that any material violation of the Festival Rules and Policies (whether discovered before, during or after the Festival), or any false statement in this Certification & Release may result in my disqualification from the Festival and the required return of any prize. All such determinations shall be made by the Festival Committee in its absolute discretion.

7. I agree that the Festival Committee and the Northwest Connecticut Teen Film Festival may publicly screen my film, or any portions thereof, as well as use it or any portions thereof for promotional purposes in connection with the current Festival and future Festivals, including but not limited to displaying the film at other community or non-profit events, or displaying the film on any website sponsored by the Festival Committee or its sponsors, including links from other websites. Such promotion may be on television, in commercial theaters, on the Internet or otherwise.
8. I also agree that, subject to the applicable Copyright Laws and the rules of the Festival, the Festival Committee may include my film or any portion thereof as part of a collection of films that were submitted to the Festival, to be copied, arranged, published, and sold to the public by the Festival Committee, for any price and in any manner that the Committee may see fit, for the purpose of raising money to support the stated purposes of the Film Festival; and I agree that the Committee's authority to do so will be non-exclusive and without any obligation to compensate me for such use.
9. I certify that the film that I have submitted, and all contents thereof, constitutes an original work and does not violate any copyright privileges of any other artist. If my film contains musical or other artistic works created and/or performed by other artists, then I certify:
 1. that I have obtained all consents, releases, and authorization necessary for the use of such musical or other works in my film, including but not limited to the public display of my film during the Festival, and its reproduction on the internet to promote the Festival; and
 2. **that all such artists and their works have been appropriately identified and recognized in the credits included in my film.**

I understand that the Festival Committee strongly urges me to use original music written and performed by myself and/or my peers.

Entrant(s)

Parent or Guardian*

Signature: _____ Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____ Printed Name: _____

Date: _____ Date: _____

*Where applicable, the signature of a person or guardian confirms the truthfulness of statements made on behalf of the minor.

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