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**OUR CITY FILM FEST**

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### Local Film Fest Wants to See Your DC

#### *Fourth Annual Our City Film Festival Offers Three Ways to Participate*

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (August 30, 2010)** – The Our City Film Festival is only festival that showcases DC-focused films, encouraging filmmakers and film students to make films that will bring our communities together and celebrate the rich cultures, stories and scenes that make up our city. In order to encourage more creativity and see more DC residents' perspectives, the festival is offering three ways to get involved and win prizes and audiences.

For the main film festival in February 2011, the festival is currently accepting film submissions. Narratives, documentaries, experimental, animation, shorts and features are all welcome as long as they take place in or are about someone or something in DC. Early submission deadline is September 1, 2010 and regular submission deadline is November 1, 2010. Cash and product prizes awarded to winners, and films are screened for nearly a thousand. Find out more online and to download a submission form.

Link to information on submission process: <http://www.ourcityfilmfestival.com>

For those social-media-inclined creatives, Our City is also hosting a video contest online for DC-focused films. This contest is being sponsored by The Washington City Paper and the winner of the online contest will be screened at the Opening Night Party at R.F.D. and receive product prizes and a \$100 gift certificate to Penn Camera.

Link to information on submission process:

<http://www.washingtoncitypaper.com/articles/39530/submit-your-film-about-dc-to-the-4th-annual-our>

For those who prefer the still type of documentation, an online photo contest is also available and easily accessible through Flickr. Any photo of DC that is not of the mall or a monument is acceptable, and the winners receive two free tickets to the film festival's screenings and the Opening Night Party.

Link to information about submission process: <http://www.flickr.com/groups/yourdcphoto/>

Photos Available: [http://www.flickr.com/photos/organize/?start\\_tab=sets](http://www.flickr.com/photos/organize/?start_tab=sets)

DC is more than monuments, politics and traffic and the Our City Film Festival is here to prove it, says Festival Director, Kendra Rubinfeld. This year we are trying to get even more people involved in showing us their DC. We know there are stories out there that deserve to be told.

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*The festival is run by Yachad, a nonprofit for affordable housing and community development. Yachad means "together" in Hebrew. The organization helps neighbors help neighbors by mobilizing skilled and unskilled volunteers to work side-by-side with those they serve, to repair the homes and neighborhoods of low-income DC residents. Yachad started The Our City Film Festival to further their efforts of uniting communities outside of house repair.*