



ACTON-BOXBOROUGH
CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Acton-Boxborough Cultural Council presents

7th Annual Our World Film Series: A Short Night Friday, April 27, 2018

Call For Entries

Deadline for submissions: Entries must be received by **Tuesday, April 3, 2018**.

The Acton-Boxborough Cultural Council (ABCC) Our World Film Series: A Short Night will feature new work **EXCLUSIVELY** from students, recent alumni, and faculty of Massachusetts college and university film programs. Filmmakers will be invited to attend the screening and participate in a question-and-answer session. Selected films will also be placed in the permanent collection of Boxborough's Sargent Memorial Library or the Acton Memorial Library. The venue of the screening is Acton Town Hall. Please note that there is **NO ENTRY FEE**.

The goal of the program is to provide a venue for screening short films by Massachusetts filmmakers, and to bring filmmakers together with our audience for an evening of discussion and discovery.

"A Short Night" is the first evening of the ABCC's annual Our World Foreign Film Series, screening feature length films from around the world.

See the following pages for Submission Guidelines and information on selection and notification.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSIONS

Please submit short films by students and faculty from your college, university, or filmmaking program. Filmmakers may submit their own work directly; compilation DVDs from your institution are encouraged. (Submission DVDs will not be returned unless accompanied by an envelope with return address and postage.)

1. Films should be complete; we cannot accept works in progress.
2. Films should be submitted **on DVD (Region 0 or 1, NTSC) or website video link (including any required passwords)**.
3. Films should be completed after January 1, 2016.
4. Films should be made by your institution's faculty, students, or recent alumni.
5. Films should be a maximum of 15 minutes long; films up to 30 minutes long will be considered, but 15 minutes or less is preferred.
6. Narrative (live action or animation), documentary, and experimental films will be considered.
7. Films with excessive or overly graphic violence or sexuality will not be considered.
8. Non-English language films must be subtitled.

Please include the following information with your submission:

1. Name of institution submitting the films
2. Contact information for a representative of your film department (name, email, telephone number)

For each film, please include:

1. Name of the film
2. Name of the filmmaker
3. Name of affiliated college, university, or institution
4. Brief description of the film (25 words or less)
5. Institutional affiliation (faculty, student, recent alum)
6. Filmmaker's contact information (email, telephone number)
7. Running time
8. Completion date

Please clearly mark all DVDs with: title, running time, director's name and email address, labeled directly on the DVD and case. In the case of compilation DVDs, please label with institution name and contact.

Mail all entries to:

ACTON-BOXBOROUGH CULTURAL COUNCIL
P.O. Box 2291
Acton, MA 01720

Please direct all questions to the Short Film Night coordinator Todd Davis at abccourworld@gmail.com. More information is available at the ABCC Our World Film Series website <https://abccourworld.wixsite.com/abccourworld>

SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION:

Films will be judged on the quality of the work by members of the ABCC, whose decisions will be final. Notification of selected films will be made by April 16, 2018. Film department representatives and filmmakers will be notified by email. We will then ask for any promotional material the filmmaker may want to supply, including director's bio, promotional/production photos, cast/crew photos, listing of previous screenings, etc.

Filmmakers of the selected films are encouraged to attend the screening and Filmmakers' Reception immediately following. The screening will be held at the Acton Town Hall, 472 Main Street, Acton, MA 01720 on Friday, April 27, 2018 at 7:00PM. This is a free event and is open to the public.

The Acton-Boxborough Cultural Council (www.actonboxboroughculturalcouncil.org) was established in 1982 to promote the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences, to help develop cultural programs in the Acton and Boxborough communities and to award and administer Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) Grant funds. We accomplish these goals by:

- Reviewing grant applications from individuals, schools, and arts organizations and awarding MCC grant funds to projects that provide a local public benefit;
- Sponsoring annual cultural programs for the Acton and Boxborough communities using funds generously designated by the towns. These funds have been used by the ABCC to present jazz and classical music concerts, vocal performances, opera, public art installations and more;
- Advocating for the arts through community outreach and publicity.



Power of culture

The Acton-Boxborough Cultural Council is funded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency that promotes excellence, access, education and diversity in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences to improve the quality of life for all Massachusetts residents and contribute to the economic vitality of our communities.