

THE 2nd ANNUAL 48 HOUR FILM SLAM
sponsored by the Cohase Chamber of Commerce

- WHEN: The weekend of September 16th, 17th, and 18th.
- WHERE: The communities of Bradford, Newbury, and Wells River in eastern VT and Piermont and Haverhill in western NH.
- COST: No entry fee. But to insure your participation, a fully refundable \$100 deposit is required. The deposit will be refunded to you at the Opening Ceremony. This is to insure your presence at the event. Checks should be made out to: "Cohase Chamber of Commerce" with an attn. to "48 Hour Film Slam 2010" Send check to: Cohase Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 35, Wells River VT 05081

We're modeling our Film Slam after the 48 Hour Film Project which has held similar contests in over 70 cities around the world since the beginning of this century. Basically, your team, which can be from 1 to as many people as you like, will be making a short film – soup to nuts - in 48 hours. The films will be 7 minutes maximum with 1 additional minute of credits allowed.

To quote the 48 Hour Film Challenges site:

All creativity must take place during the "Official 48 Hour Time Period". Any creativity work in advance of the competition weekend is prohibited. Creative work includes, but is not limited to:

- Writing the script
- Rehearsing
- Costume/Set Design
- Shooting
- Editing
- Sound Design
- Rendering
- Outputting to tape or other media

The only work to begin prior to the "Official 48 Hour Time Period" is:

- Organizing Crew
- Organizing Cast
- Organizing Music
- Securing Equipment
- Scouting/Securing Locations

On the subject of scouting and securing locations, we encourage teams to show up early on Friday to familiarize yourselves with the surrounding area. We'll soon have an introductory film posted on our website to give a visual of the surrounding towns, sites and locales. During the weekend of the Slam and the week preceding we will offer the numbers of several "location liaisons" who can help you locate any specific setting you may need.

Each team is responsible for providing it's own equipment for the weekend. There is a 2 camera maximum for each team. There will be an editing facility open 24/7 during the weekend at River Bend Vocational School in Bradford (details to follow). We also plan to have a technical person on call for any film emergencies that might occur, but prepare for all contingencies. We are "in the boonies."

We will also have a pool of local Vermont and New Hampshire actors available should you need them. Plans are to have their pictures and resumes and contact information on the website soon should you be interested in using them as principals or extras.

During the Opening Ceremony, teams will be given 1) a line of dialogue; 2) a prop or props; and 3) a local landmark, all of which need to be used somewhere in your film. In addition, each team will pick from a hat the genre their film will be.

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Friday, September 17th, 2010

During the day, excellent time for scouting of locations and familiarizing yourselves with the area.

5 pm Dinner (provided by the Cohase Chamber of Commerce) and "Meet-and-Greet" for all teams in Bradford, VT. (Site to be determined.)

6 pm All filmmakers and their teams convene in the Bradford Auditorium for a short Opening Ceremony. Welcome Information Packets distributed. Past short films of entrants will be shown at this time. The teams are then given their required elements (ie line of dialogue, prop(s), and local landmark) and choose their genre.

7 pm Let the wild rumpus begin.

Saturday, September 18th, 2010

Little sleep, lots of creativity, loads of FUN!!! Meanwhile, peak color approaches.

Sunday, September 19th, 2010

Creativity and Fun continue. Editing. Composing. Finishing touches.

7 pm. Deadline for finished DVD's of films to be submitted at Bradford Auditorium. All films will be shown whether they're in on time or not, but only the ones meeting the deadline will be in competition.

7:30 pm The Closing Ceremony. Public invited. All films shot over the weekend will be shown and eligible films will be judged by a panel of 5 notables from the Vermont and New Hampshire film and political communities. Prizes of \$500, \$250, and \$100 will be awarded following the showing.

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- We are “in the boonies.” (Oh ... we said that. It bears repeating.)
- We have no back-up equipment available.
- Cell phone reception is spotty and on back roads often non-existent. We can be more specific as to where reception is and is not on Friday.
- We should have electricity by that weekend. (Just kidding.)
- We may be able to help with accommodations. Please tell us about your needs.
- Filmmakers are responsible for providing release forms for anyone seen in their films.
- The Film Slam has the full and enthusiastic support of the Vermont Film Commission.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Slam in September! Spread the word!

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to call the 48 Hour Film Slam Hotline at 802-439-9000.