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Call for entries announced for 4th Annual Johnstown Film & Wine Festival

JOHNSTOWN, Pa. – The Johnstown Film & Wine Festival announces a call for entries for its fourth annual event, which is set for July 8-11, 2009. Original short films of 30 minutes or less are eligible for the competition, and the entry deadline is March 1, 2009.

Cash awards are given to the makers of the top three films and the best youth entry. The festival also awards the “Johnstown award,” for the best film made by a Johnstown-area filmmaker, and the “viewer’s choice” award, which is selected by attendees on the festival’s final evening.

“What’s gratifying is that every year, the quality of the films has continued to increase, while the quantity of films from the Johnstown area has also increased,” said Lee Kring, a volunteer who works with JAHA on the festival. “We show the best films that are entered, and they come from all over the world. But at the same time, it’s exciting that the festival seems to have inspired area filmmakers.”

Any original short film of 30 minutes or less is eligible for the competition. There is a \$10 entry fee per film, and films of all genres will be accepted. All entries must be submitted on VHS or DVD, and will not be returned unless a self-addressed, stamped envelope is included with the submission. For complete rules and technical requirements, see www.johnstownfilmfest.org.

A volunteer committee continues to work with the Johnstown Area Heritage Association to produce the festival.

Entries should be sent to Film Festival Entry Coordinator, JAHA, PO Box 1889, Johnstown PA 15907. For complete rules and an entry form, visit www.johnstownfilmfest.org.

The Johnstown Area Heritage Association is a non-profit, membership-based organization dedicated to preserving and showcasing Johnstown’s unique history to the nation through high-quality educational, cultural and recreational experiences. JAHA owns and operates the Johnstown Flood Museum and the Frank & Sylvia Pasquerilla Heritage Discovery Center, and produces the AmeriServ FolkFest, a 3-day free music festival held annually over Labor Day weekend; events commemorating the 1889 Johnstown flood; and a wide variety of additional cultural programming. The Wagner-Ritter House & Garden opened in May 2006, and the Johnstown Children’s Museum is currently under construction. For more information on JAHA programs, museums and events, visit www.jaha.org.