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# **Call for entries is announced for first-ever Johnstown Film Festival**

JOHNSTOWN, Pa. – Calling all aspiring filmmakers! The first-ever Johnstown Film Festival will be held in July, and entries are being solicited from anyone with a film camera and a vision.

The film festival is the project of the Community Leadership Initiative Class of 2006, which includes Mike Docherty, Matt Hughes, Lee Kring and Lynne Hood. The group is working with the Johnstown Area Heritage Association to produce the festival, which will be held this July at the Johnstown Flood Museum and Heritage Discovery Center.

Deadline for entries is March 31, 2006. Any original short film of 30 minutes or less is eligible for the competition, which will include cash awards for first, second and third place. Films of all genres will be accepted, and there is a special category for filmmakers aged 18 and under. 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.

The July festival will include screenings of submissions at the theater of the Johnstown Flood Museum, and an event in the Heritage Discovery Center courtyard that will include screenings of the winning entries, food and wine. Final dates for the festival will be announced in January.

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.jaha.org/filmfestival](http://www.jaha.org/filmfestival). For more information, contact Lee Kring at 814-341-4619.

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 and food 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 will soon open, and a Children's Discovery Museum is being planned. For more information on JAHA programs, museums and events, visit [www.jaha.org](http://www.jaha.org).

