

National Film Festival For Talented Youth Announces Program for Third Annual Festival

More than 100 Films Screening April 24-26, 2009

The National Film Festival for Talented Youth (NFFTY) will take place in Seattle April 24-26, 2009.

NFFTY is unlike other youth festival in that it accepts both feature length and short subjects and has the widest range of ages from 22 through elementary school age. The youngest filmmaker this year is Emily Salva, who at seven years old is also the youngest filmmaker to ever be featured at a NFFTY festival.

“We have college age filmmakers making shorts that cost \$20,000 and young kids in middle school making equally complex films using the family’s equipment and friends as cast and crew,” said Jesse Harris, NFFTY executive director. “The subject matter is more sophisticated than most would expect. That’s what people are blown away by, how impressive the stories are, especially some of the documentaries.”

A wide array of feature-length and short films in narrative, documentary, animation, music video, experimental and international categories by young filmmakers from around the country and the world will comprise this year’s festival. Because there were so many international submissions, NFFTY has for the first time created an international category to showcase the talents of young filmmakers from outside the US. including Australia, Canada, China, France, Mexico, Netherlands and Singapore.

General Film Tickets - \$8

Times: Friday evening, 7:30pm-midnight, Saturday 10am to midnight, Sunday 10am to 8:00pm

Locations: SIFF Cinema 321 Mercer Street / Experience Music Project | Science Fiction Museum, and Hall of Fame or EMP|SFM 325 5th Ave. N. / Seattle Cinerama 2100 Fourth Avenue