



**SIKH ART &
FILM FOUNDATION**
preserving Sikh heritage

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Sikh Art & Film Foundation, the premiere Sikh organization in North America, invites you to submit your films for the **2017 Sikh International Film Festival** to be held Saturday, December 2nd at the Paley Center for Media in New York City. The tremendous success of our past film festivals has catapulted the event into the mainstream media. It has become quite popular in both the Indian American and mainstream American communities, resulting in completely sold-out screenings the past few years.

The Sikh Art & Film Foundation works very hard to bring this event, the selected films, and their directors into the limelight. This has enabled the Sikh International Film Festival to get extensive coverage in both print and TV media.

This year's format will feature films in the following categories:

1. Short Films
2. Documentaries
3. Feature Presentation

We will have a distinguished panel of judges to select the best film in the shorts and documentary sections. Films selected by the selection committee and screened will be eligible for awards.

At Sikh Art & Film Foundation, we understand that filmmaking can be a huge undertaking financially and would like to reward all filmmakers. This year again, if financially possible, all films accepted for screening at the film festival will receive monetary remuneration. The foundation and its patrons will be available to give serious consideration and financial assistance to interesting and promising projects.

Please complete the attached submission form and submit your film as soon as you can. **The deadline for submissions is October 2nd.**

Thank you,

Sikh Art & Film Foundation

SIKH INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

DECEMBER 2, 2017
Paley Center for Media, New York, NY

SUBMISSION FORM

Submission Deadline: **OCTOBER 2, 2017**

Submit your works to the 2017 Sikh International Film Festival and network with colleagues, directors, producers and the media who are looking for new and established filmmakers and artists to branch out and promote Sikh & Punjabi Culture and Heritage! Witness your film come to life before an engaged, involved, and educated audience.

All works screened at the Festival will receive **Official Selection Certificates**.

A distinguished panel of judges will select a winner in each of the following genre.

Films that win in the shorts and documentary categories will receive cash awards and thus will not be entitled to screening fees

ELIGIBILITY:

- Films about Sikhs and/or Sikh & Punjabi Culture
- Projects by Filmmakers of Sikh Origin
- Projects with lead characters of Sikh Origin

GENRE:

- Documentary
- Short
- Feature Length
- Animated
- Music Video

FILM INFORMATION:

Original Title:

English Title (if different from above):

Director(s):

Producer(s):

Writer(s):

Year of Completion:

Short Synopsis of Film:
(Attach separate if needed)

Festivals in which Film has been shown or will show: (if applicable)

Awards the Film has won: (if applicable)

Screening at Sikh International Film Festival will be:
 World Premiere New York Premiere
 United States Premiere

This is Director(s) debut Film:
 Yes
 No

PRODUCTION INFORMATION:

Country of Production:

Production Company:

Address:

Phone:

Fax:

Mobile:

E-Mail:

Website:

Primary Contact Person:

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

Color Format:
 Color
 B/W

Screening Format:
 DVD
 Other

Screen Ratio:
 1:33 1:66 4:33
 1:85 2.35 Video

Sound:
 Stereo Dolby SR
 Dolby A Other

Dialog Language(s):

Subtitles Language(s):

Total Running Time (in minutes):

Number of DVDs:

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

- NO ENTRY FEE!
- 2 Screener Copies - DVD or VHS (NTSC Format) for Screening Committee
- Film Synopsis (125 words limit) for Catalog (attach & e-mail as separate document)
- Director(s) Biography (attach & e-mail as separate document)
- Full Cast & Crew List (attach & e-mail as separate document)
- Stills from the Film (high-res images acceptable)
- E-Mail above items to **submissions@sikharts.com**
- COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM

Films will not be considered unless complete information has been received.

PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT:

This is to certify that I, _____ am applying to the

2017 Sikh International Film Festival after accepting all the terms, conditions and requirements.

- **I certify that I have all the distribution rights and authority to submit the film.**
- I certify that my film is eligible for this festival and I am aware of the criteria that apply.
- I am aware that, if accepted, I will not be able to withdraw my film.
- Understand that it is my responsibility to provide, upon acceptance:
 - Press Kit
 - Posters & Postcards (if available)
 - Two trailers (20 second and 60 second) for Press & Industry Executives on DVD
 - Screening Masters - DVD(s)
- I am responsible for all Shipping & Mailing costs.
- I will be invited to the Sikh Art and Film Foundation Heritage Gala in New York City.
- I will also receive a full-access pass for the festival screenings, related parties, panels and discussions.
- I will also be present for the press conference and my own post-screening Q&A.

SIGNATURE (for print submissions): _____

DATE: _____

(Verified Digital Signature & Date is accepted for On-Line Submissions)

PLEASE SEND APPLICATION & ALL MATERIALS TO:

**Sikh International Film Festival 2017
Sikh Art & Film Foundation
2 Dogwood Hill,
Brookville, NY 11545**

Submit by E-Mail

Print Form

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