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**CHICAGO UNDERGROUND FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES CALL FOR ENTRIES FOR 24TH ANNUAL EVENT TO BE HELD MAY 31 – June 4, 2017 AT THE LOGAN THEATRE**

Chicago, IL – August 1, 2016 - Submissions are officially being accepted for the 24th Annual Chicago Underground Film Festival, presented by IFP Chicago. The festival will be held May 31 – June 4, 2017 at the Logan Theatre. Qualified filmmakers can submit their entries through The Chicago Underground Film Festival's online entry form on [cuff.org](http://cuff.org) or through Filmfreeway or Withoutabox.

**DEADLINES:**

**Early Deadline:** Oct 1, 2016

**Regular Deadline:** Dec 1, 2016

**Late Deadline:** Jan 6, 2017

The Chicago Underground Film Festival, the longest running "underground" film festival in the world, is an internationally recognized program providing a venue for documentary, experimental and avant-garde narrative film and video. The festival's mission is to select and screen film, video and related works presenting a diverse line-up of moving image programming focusing on filmmakers working to reinvent and explore new approaches to established practices, to foster new forms of media art and to build an audience for such work. Our goal is to achieve these aims by presenting a fun, user-friendly and accessible event. If you suspect your film is "underground," we want to see it.

"The past few festivals has given us some of our strongest programming ever and we are excited to see what the next year will present.." said festival Artistic Director Bryan Wendorf, "As we approach close to a quarter century of innovative, experimental and cutting edge programming, The Chicago Underground Film Festival has established itself as one of the key independent film events in the city, the country and the world."

For additional questions, please visit [www.cuff.org](http://www.cuff.org) or contact the Chicago Underground Film Festival at [info@cuff.org](mailto:info@cuff.org)

**ABOUT THE CHICAGO UNDERGROUND FILM FESTIVAL**

Entering its twenty-fourth year, the Chicago Underground Film Festival, presented by IFP Chicago, is dedicated to the work of film and video makers with defiantly independent visions. Widely recognized as a world-class event, the festival showcases the best in new American and international cinema, providing the movie-loving public with access to some of the most critically acclaimed filmmakers and emerging talent from around the world. Our mission is to promote films and videos that dissent radically in form, technique, or content from the "indie" mainstream and to present adventurous works that challenge and transcend commercial and audience expectations. 25 programs

comprised narrative, documentary and experimental features, shorts, and music videos, representing more than 15 countries, make up the main body of the festival, along with nightly parties and music events, discussions and other networking and community building events. To learn more about the festival visit [www.cuff.org](http://www.cuff.org), on Facebook at ChicagoUndergroundFilmFestival and Twitter @CUFF\_Chicago

#### **ABOUT IFP CHICAGO**

IFP/Chicago is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization committed to the idea that independent film is an important art form and a powerful voice in our society. We provide information, community, education and professional development opportunities for independent filmmakers, industry professionals and independent film enthusiasts. We encourage quality and diversity in independent production and assist filmmakers at all levels of experience in realizing their unique vision. To find out about upcoming programs & events, or to sign up for the IFP Chicago newsletter visit [www.ifpchicago.org](http://www.ifpchicago.org). Find IFP Chicago on Facebook IFP-Chicago and Twitter @IFPCHICAGO.