Dear Film Makers:

We would like to invite you to submit your short film(s) for screening at The Balticon Short Film Festival (BSFF) held at Balticon, the Maryland regional science fiction convention, produced by the Baltimore Science Fiction Society. Our focus is on science fiction, science fact, fantasy and horror genres. We accept both live action and animation projects, as well as in-genre music videos. We consider works under 52 minutes run time. We prefer films completed in the 2 years prior to the festival year, but will consider older works that have not been screened at other festivals in Maryland. There is no entry fee.

If you are interested in this screening opportunity, the attached forms should be completed, signed and included with your submission. Films can be submitted on DVDs, flash drives or as downloadable files. Please include a page with a couple of short paragraphs that you would like to appear in our program flyer. These might include writers’ or directors’ biographical information; anecdotes about the history or making of the film (avoiding Spoilers); information about upcoming projects and details on where your film can be purchased outside the show.

We reserve the right to edit your promotional information to fit available space. We welcome photos or high-resolution jpeg images on disc as well as postcards, posters, press kits, cast lists, copies of reviews, along with any other material that would aid in our promotion efforts for the film.

Films and forms must be received by April 1st if you want your film to be listed in our program book. The address to send DVD or flash drive film festival submissions to is:

Balticon Short Film Festival
#199
905 W. 7th Street
Frederick, MD 21701

A digital file or Vimeo or other download link for a submission can be emailed with completed forms to:

filmfestival@balticon.org

with the understanding that there may be minor degradation in resolution when we convert it for DVD. Electronic signatures on forms are acceptable.

Finalists are invited to attend Balticon — we are happy to host 2 representatives from each selected film as our guests, and invite them to participate in our filmmaking program panels. Many filmmakers have found the Balticon Filmmaking Program to be a great networking opportunity. We are not able to offer to pay for transportation, meals or hotel accommodations, but film representatives are welcome to join our staff and volunteers for home-made lunches and dinners throughout the convention weekend (Friday through Monday).
For more information about the Baltimore Science Fiction Society, Inc., please visit our website at www.BSFS.org and for more information about Balticon, please visit the Balticon website at www.Balticon.org. (The Balticon Program page will be undergoing revisions and updates as more program information becomes available.)

If this is a direct email to you the festival forms are attached. Otherwise, the application and permission to screen forms are available at

http://balticon.org/wp50/balticon-home/exhibitions/film-festival/

While there is no entry fee for submission to the BSFF, we are happy to accept donations. All donated funds will be used to get the word out about the film festival and to assist with transportation and lodging for submitting filmmakers who would not otherwise have adequate budget to attend in person. Donations in the form of Visa or Amex gift cards or checks to Baltcon Short Film Festival or can be sent to:

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See the attached document for additional details. We look forward to receiving your submissions.

Sincerely

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Directors
Balticon Short Film Festival