

APRIL 11th and 12th, 2008

# EXPRESSIONS

NEW MEDIA FESTIVAL FOR YOUTH

Hello,

This is your invitation to get involved in an exciting new venture that fosters creativity, youth leadership, and community pride. Expressions New Media Festival for Youth is happening in Bridgewater, April 11-12, 2008. With your support, the festival can be outstanding.

Expressions is inviting creators under 19 from around the province to send in original films, animations, and video games to the festival. Submissions will be viewed by a youth jury and selected entries will be awarded cash prizes and packages including games, pool passes, gift cards, and other goodies.

During the festival weekend, the community will be invited to free screenings, hands-on workshops, and demonstrations. The two-day event will be a great chance for creative youth and those who support them to have their voices heard, learn new skills, network with others, and celebrate their successes.

There are a variety of opportunities for individuals, groups, businesses, and agencies to show support for Expressions. Empire Studio 7 has donated cinema time, Artech Studios is offering workshops and space for others to conduct workshops, Roots and Wings Magazine is giving advertising space, Nova Scotia Community College is providing a venue for the Saturday evening closing Gala, and the Wandlyn Inn has provided generous prize items. Other supporters and community participants of this event include HB Studios, EB Games, the South Shore Regional Library, Boston Pizza, and Blockbuster.

If you or your group/company can provide a service, a prize, some cash, publicity, or help with any aspect of the festival, youth all over Nova Scotia will thank you.

Festival sponsors are being recognized in the following ways: logo or name on the Expressions website, logo or name on posters and program guide and MC announcements at festival events.

For more information you can visit the Expressions website at [www.youthmediaexpressions.com](http://www.youthmediaexpressions.com), or you can call Festival Director Ronnie Scullion at 902-530-3177, or Community Liaison Joanne Jefferson at 902-688-2260.

Get involved!

Attached is a form you could fill out and return to us by mail or email to let us know what you can contribute or how you would like to participate. We appreciate any and all contributions!

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Volunteer or Sponsor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information \_\_\_\_\_

I/We can contribute TIME to:

- Attend festival Planning Meetings
- Help with phone calls
- Canvas community businesses

I/We can contribute PRIZING: Gifts or items suitable as give-aways for a youth audience, such as music or movie DVDs, movie passes, T-shirts, etc.

- Cash donation
- Other \_\_\_\_\_ please specify.

I/We can contribute a PRESENTATION or WORKSHOP. Please describe:

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I/We can contribute

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**Sponsorship of a Competition - \$500 contribution – to be disbursed as follows:**

1<sup>st</sup> prize \$300          2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$150          and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize \$50

There are three competition categories: film, animation and video game design.

Competition Sponsors get additional recognition at the competitions and again at the Gala when the winners are announced. They are welcome to attend jury sessions for the competition sponsored and invited to participate in the handing out of prizes.

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