



ACTON-BOXBOROUGH
CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Acton-Boxborough Cultural Council presents

10th Annual Our World Film Series: A Short Program

Friday, April 29, 2022

Call For Entries

Deadline for submissions: Entries must be received by **Thursday, March 24, 2022.**

The Acton-Boxborough Cultural Council (ABCC) Our World Film Series: A Short Program will feature new work **EXCLUSIVELY** from students, recent alumni, and faculty of Massachusetts college and university film programs. Filmmakers will be invited to participate in a recorded interview to be shown before their films. Films will be broadcast on Acton TV local cable channel. Films may also be available after the broadcast on the Acton TV website (with filmmaker permission). Please note that there is **NO ENTRY FEE.**

The goal of the program is to provide a platform for screening short films by Massachusetts college/university filmmakers.

See the following pages for Submission Guidelines and information on selection and notification.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSIONS

Please submit short films by students and faculty from your college, university, or filmmaking program. Website video links are our required format for submission. Screening format is .mp4 files. Entries must be received by **Thursday, March 24, 2022**.

1. Films should be complete; we cannot accept works in progress.
2. Films should be submitted **by website video link (including any required passwords)**.
3. Films should be completed after January 1, 2020.
4. **Only two films per filmmaker** will be accepted for consideration.
5. Films should be made by your institution's faculty, students, or recent alumni.
6. Films should be a maximum of 10 minutes long; films up to 20 minutes long will be considered, but 10 minutes or less is preferred. Please keep in mind that shorter films are easier to program.
7. Narrative, documentary, and experimental films will be considered. Films may be live action or animation.
8. Films with excessive or overly graphic violence or sexuality will not be considered.
9. Non-English language films must be subtitled.

For each film, please include the following information in email (abccourworld@gmail.com):

1. Name of the film
2. Name of the filmmaker
3. Name of affiliated college, university, or institution
4. Brief description of the film (25 words or less)
5. Brief biography of the filmmaker (50 words or less)
6. Institutional affiliation (faculty, student, recent alum)
7. Filmmaker's contact information (school email, permanent email, telephone number)
8. Running time
9. Completion date
10. Website video link (with password)

WEBSITE VIDEO LINK ENTRIES:

Website video links must be sent to abccourworld@gmail.com along with any required passwords and all information requested above.

Please direct all questions to the Short Film Night coordinator Todd Davis at abccourworld@gmail.com. More information is available at the ABCC Our World Film Series website <https://abccourworld.wixsite.com/abccourworld>, and our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ABCCOurWorld>

SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION:

Films will be judged on the quality of the work by members of the ABCC, whose decisions will be final. Notification of selected films will be made by April 15, 2022. Film department representatives and filmmakers will be notified by email. We will then ask for a **pointer for electronic file download (.mp4 format)**, director's bio, and any promotional material the filmmaker may want to supply, including promotional/production photos, cast/crew photos, listing of previous screenings and awards, etc. Images you send us may be used in the screening program, our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ABCCOurWorld>, and/or on our website <https://abccourworld.wixsite.com/abccourworld>

Filmmakers of the selected films are encouraged to participate in an interview about their film (remote or in-person) to be recorded and shown prior to their film.

The Acton-Boxborough Cultural Council (www.actonboxboroughculturalcouncil.org) was established in 1982 to promote the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences, to help develop cultural programs in the Acton and Boxborough communities and to award and administer Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) Grant funds. We accomplish these goals by:

- Reviewing grant applications from individuals, schools, and arts organizations and awarding MCC grant funds to projects that provide a local public benefit;
- Sponsoring annual cultural programs for the Acton and Boxborough communities using funds generously designated by the towns. These funds have been used by the ABCC to present jazz and classical music concerts, vocal performances, opera, public art installations and more;
- Advocating for the arts through community outreach and publicity.



Power of culture

The Acton-Boxborough Cultural Council is funded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency that promotes excellence, access, education and diversity in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences to improve the quality of life for all Massachusetts residents and contribute to the economic vitality of our communities.