



Our City Film Festival **NEWS RELEASE**

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Third Annual “Our City Film Festival” Excepting DC-Focused Films ***Chosen films will screen in front of hundreds and receive cash prizes.***

WASHINGTON, D.C. (October 21, 2009) – The “Our City Film Festival”, presented by Yachad, Inc., a non-profit for affordable housing and community development, examines Washington area’s rich local history, culture and personalities. Filmmakers and film students alike that have films that take place in or are about Washington, DC are urged to submit. Shorts, feature-length, documentaries, narratives, animation and experimental are all being accepted. There is a separate category for native Washingtonians who have made films about any subject. Films need not be premier status. The early submission deadline is November 20th and the regular submission deadline is December 20th. Submission fees range from nothing to \$35. To download submission form and for more information, go to www.ourcityfilmfestival.com.

Past year winners have gone on to win other film festivals and be picked up by television networks. Some past winners include *Ballou: the Documentary* by Michael Patrei, *Chocolate City* by Ellie Walton, and *God of Second Chance* by Paul Wagner.

“What’s unique and truly captivating about the Our City Film Festival is its emphasis on *local* Washington,” says Kendra Rubinfeld, the film festival’s director and a native of the area herself. “The Washington, D.C., area is made up of more than monuments, museums, politicos, and government agencies. At its heart are a diverse range of people who view it as a place to live, raise families, learn, work, play and create. The films that we screen tell some of the area’s countless and engaging stories.”

The film festival will take place in February of 2010 and will screen an estimated 10 films through out a Sunday and present three cash prizes to chosen films. The festival is a community effort and is supported by the Humanities Grant of Washington, Last Name Left Productions, and Yachad, Inc.