



February 2021 Newsletter

Kids Makin' Movies



Located on an organic farm in Aptos, CA—Thomas Farm Films is an organization that educates children how to make movies. From script to screen, our hands-on curriculum promotes CREATIVITY, SELF-CONFIDENCE, & CRITICAL THINKING...resulting in short films that will be screened together at local theaters in Thomas Farm Film Festivals! All children ages 5 to 18 can learn the craft, as we offer partial & full scholarships for those in need.

Greetings TF Films Community,

It's been a minute! I apologize for the lack of communication as we sank deeper into the pandemic. You've probably guessed, the target was ever-moving; it's been impossible to get a bead on the clear picture to map out our

future plans onto.

I have so much news to share. First and most exciting—we are thrilled to announce our plans for Summer 2021: Four weeks of filmmaking camps on the farm. Eight short films will be made! Here are the camp dates:

Week 1 - July 12-16

Week 2 - July 19-23

Week 3 - July 26-30

Week 4 - August 2-6

Camp cost is \$600 and includes the following:

- Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm supervised care on an organic farm (10:4 student/supervisor ratio)
- Hands on filmmaking education for ages 5 to 18. Script to screen. (10:1 student/teacher ratio)
- Cool TF Films T-shirt
- All films will be screened together at TF Films Film Festival (TBA)
- All films will be submitted to film festivals around the world.
- A film poster with credits and laurels earned (sent out after film festival circuit is finished)

Important notes:

- Summer camp spaces are limited. Only 10 students per film.

Do not wait to register.

- Offering this incredible filmmaking opportunity to underserved youth is at the core and foundation of my vision for this program. Scholarships for full or partial tuition are available. While I am working hard to get as much funding for scholarships as I possibly can, these scholarships are limited and reserved for those in need.
- Help others & help yourself—Recruit a business, person, or other entity to sponsor a full scholarship (\$600) for a student who would not otherwise afford to attend. In return, the sponsor gets a special credit (name or business logo) in the film credits and business logo on our website, PLUS \$50 off of your camp tuition, per sponsor that you recruit. Email me directly at *thomasfarmfilms@gmail.com*

CAMP REGISTRATIONS OPEN MARCH 1ST

<https://www.thomasfarmfilms.com/register/>



2019 Summer Camp: Festival circuit news!

TF Films was born out of passion for filmmaking and a joy of watching our own kids join in on the fun. When we started this adventure of educating kids about filmmaking by ACTUALLY MAKING FILMS WITH THEM, we did not have a clue where this was going. As an afterthought, I submitted our 2019 Summer Camp films to film festivals far and wide, in hopes that we'd get at least a few "official selections" to brag about.

Well, we are stunned, over the moon, jaws dropped—Thomas Farm Films Summer 2019 short films have collectively racked up over 250 official selections and screened at independent film festivals all over the world. Look at this incredible list of cities that our films have been selected and screened in:

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| • Bari, Italy | • Boise, Idaho |
| • Vancouver, British Columbia | • San Francisco, California |
| • Venice, California | • Lombard, Illinois |
| • Providence, Rhode Island | • Santa Fe, New Mexico |
| • Roslyn, New York | • Burlington, Iowa |
| • Los Angeles, California | • Tipperary, Ireland |
| • Jersey City, New Jersey | • Eagle, Idaho |
| • Huntsville, Texas | • Fargo, North Dakota |
| • Lancaster, Pennsylvania | • Melrose, Massachusetts |
| • Kilgore, Texas | • Billings, Montana |
| • Rome, Georgia | • Baltimore, Maryland |
| • Orlando, Florida | • Studio City, California |
| • Colonia, New Jersey | • Chicago, Illinois |
| • Topeka, Kansas | • Prague, Czech Republic |
| • Seattle, Washington | • Columbia, Maryland |
| • Colorado Springs, Colorado | • New Iberia, Louisiana |
| • Istanbul, Turkey | • Hastings, Nebraska |

- Chico, California
- New Delhi, India
- Tijuana, Mexico
- Cary, North Carolina
- Rahway, New Jersey
- Decatur, Georgia
- Victoria, Texas
- Emporia, Kansas
- Vallejo, California
- Natchitoches, Louisiana
- Ontario, Canada
- Atlanta, Georgia
- District Heights, Maryland
- Sturtevant, Wisconsin
- Carlsbad, California

- University Park, Illinois
- Prince George, British Columbia
- Temecula, California
- Owensboro, Kentucky
- Vacaville, California
- Tulsa, Oklahoma
- Novi, Michigan
- Kanab, Utah
- Milano, Italy
- Moscow, Russia
- Seoul, South Korea
- Amsterdam, Netherlands
- New York, New York

These films have also received over 20 awards including:

- Best Young Actor
- Best Young Talent
- Judges Top 5
- Best Sci-Fi
- Best Costume Design
- Best Experimental Film
- TF Films as a whole was awarded *The Junior Performance Award* at the *Fresh International Film Festival* in Limerick, Ireland for *The McGuffin*
<https://freshfilmfestival.com/competition/>
- The *San Diego International Kids' Film Festival* awarded TF Films the *Young Performers Award* for all of our works. <https://fb.watch/3NkCAe9I9L/>
- *Rivercity Underground Film Festival* in San Antonio, TX awarded TF Films with the *Visionary Award* for our collective works
<http://www.rivercityundergroundfilmfestival.com/2020-awardees.html>
- *LA Shorts*, the renowned and Oscar qualifying film festival, selected our film, *Retirement!* It is currently screening on their YouTube channel. Here's the link:
<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=SuEc7SBADgI&feature=youtu.be>

I am currently in the process of printing these movie posters with all their laurels. They are 11"x17". We will mail each 2019 student a super-cool print of their movie poster in the next coming weeks.

If you are interested in more prints or larger, traditional sized (24"x36") movie posters, they will soon be available for sale on our website. Movie poster prints on T-shirt and hoodies will also be available soon on our website:

<https://thomasfarmfilms.com/merchandise>

In the meantime, please email me any requests: thomasfarmfilms@gmail.com

We are truly looking forward to working with you and making some fun short films this summer.

Warmest regards,

Kari L. Thomas
Executive Director

Here are the 2019 Summer Camp Movie posters and download links for your viewing pleasure:







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