



# City of Slidell

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## Lights, Cameras, Action! Slidell film fest is ready to roll

Long before M. Night Shyamalan received rave reviews for *The Sixth Sense*, he was a young student filmmaker producing campy home movies using his family's video camera. In that same spirit, the City of Slidell and the Department of Cultural & Public Affairs are proud to present the *Action! Student Film Festival*.

High school and college students from across the United States were invited to submit their short films for inclusion in the city's film fest. On Saturday, April 25, the best entries from both the high school and college categories will be screened. The show begins at 7 p.m. at the Slidell Municipal Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 each or a family four pack can be purchased for \$10. Doors open at 6:30 and tickets can be purchased at the door.

"This film festival is an exciting addition to the many cultural events that the City of Slidell offers its citizens. We think it's particularly relevant when you consider that Louisiana has been dubbed 'Hollywood South,'" says Kim Bergeron, director of the city's Department of Cultural & Public Affairs. "The films the students submitted were outstanding! Who knows, one of them could possibly be the next Spielberg or Scorsese!"

Thirteen films will be screened at the *Action! Student Film Festival*. The films include: *The Cross* by Majdi Ammari, Athens, Ohio; *Killers of the Earth* and *Page 157* by Jeff Bruno, Metairie, La.; *An Intellectual Outing* by Gabby Carter, Madisonville, La.; *Skeleton in the Closet* by Jamie Doyle, Metairie; *Timeout* by Chris Hewitt, Slidell; *A Game of Pool* and *Where the Dandelions Grow* by Ryan LeBoeuf, Covington, La.; *The Final Journey of Ursula Swanson* by Cody LeBoeuf and Ryan LeBoeuf, Covington; *Vibrating Strings* by Erin Levins, New Orleans; *The Strange Case of Juan Peligro and the Car* by Anthony Marchiafava, Metairie; *Paul is Dead?* by Ryan Murchison, Atlanta, Ga. and *A 360 on Tanvar* by Stephen Pfeil, Hammond, La.

"We want to let parents know that some of the films contain adult themes and language," said Bergeron, "As such, we are recommending a viewing age of 13 and older."

In conjunction with this event, the City of Slidell is offering film fest t-shirts featuring the *Action! Student Film Festival* logo in black ink on a gold shirt, at a cost of \$15 per shirt. Shirts are available in Adult Sizes S, M, L, XL, and XXL.

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