

10th annual crossroads film festival

The logo for the Crossroads Film Festival, featuring a stylized graphic of a road or path that splits and then rejoins, forming a shape reminiscent of a 'Y' or a crossroads, rendered in black.

Media Appreciation F.A.Q.

When will Crossroads take place?

This year (our 10th!), the film festival will be April 2 - 5, 2009. A press conference, to which all media professionals are invited, will be held at The Commons on Monday, March 30, at 10 a.m.

Will there be refreshments for media members during the Festival?

Absolutely! Crossroads prides itself on offering a great time for all attendees. Afternoon receptions will offer complimentary hors d'ouvres and beverages to pass holders, and the venues for screenings, workshops, and after-parties will all offer drinks and snacks on a cash basis.

What would be the single best event to cover during Festival weekend if we can only visit once?

That would be the Friday afternoon reception and screenings. With the start of the weekend, Crossroads typically welcomes its largest audiences, providing plenty of material with filmmakers and filmgoers alike. Additionally, Saturday workshops offer education for all ages and screenings from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. of films made by area youth.

How do we contact Crossroads for additional media passes if another member of our news team wants to cover the Festival?

Send your request to crossroadsfilmfest@yahoo.com. Please also leave a voicemail with your name, organization, and best method of contact (e-mail or phone number) at 601.510.9148. A Festival representative will contact you as quickly as possible. Requests must be made by noon on Tuesday, March 31.

If we're interested in interviewing a Crossroads representative or longtime local attendee about the event, whom should we contact?

Ryanne Duffie (Public Relations co-chair)

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If the PR representatives are unavailable, try:

Chris Spear (Executive Coordinator)

601.510.9148; crossroadsfilmfest@yahoo.com

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Are visiting filmmakers available prior to and during the festival for interviews?

Yes. Contact our Public Relations co-chairs to arrange an interview.

Will there be media-specific parking?

Unfortunately, Crossroads cannot provide media-only parking at the Festival events. However, there is typically plenty of space.

Can we use our media passes to attend the Festival when off-duty?

Yes. We want you to experience everything Crossroads has to offer.

What IS Crossroads Film Festival (in 120 words or less)?

The Crossroads Film Society is proud to present the 10th Annual Crossroads Film Festival. Filmmakers from Mississippi and around the world present and compete in the categories of Feature Film, Short, Documentary, Experimental, Foreign, Student, Music Video and Animation, and Made in Mississippi.

We offer engaging audiences for every film, Q&A sessions with filmmakers after screenings, daily pre- and post-screening parties, a variety of nationally recognized filmmaker workshops and panels, and an awards brunch to wrap things up.

Each afternoon kicks off with a reception for filmmakers and VIPs, providing multiple opportunities to visit with filmmakers. Each evening ends with music by regional and national recording artists. Screenings begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday at Regal Parkway Place Theater (Lakeland Dr. @ Airport Rd.) and run through Sunday evening.

Tentative Festival Schedule

Details available March 5 at www.crossroadsfilmfest.com:

Monday, March 30

Press conference, 10 a.m. (The Commons at Eudora Welty's Birthplace)

Opening reception, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Films, 7 - 9 p.m. (Regal Parkway Place Theatre)

Crossroads After Hours, 9:30 p.m. - 'til

All-Ages Filmmaker Workshops, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Films, 1 - 9 p.m. (Regal Parkway Place Theatre)

Crossroads afternoon reception, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Crossroads After Hours, 9:30 p.m. - 'til

Festival Awards Brunch, 9 a.m.

Films, 1 - 9:00 p.m. (Regal Parkway Place Theatre)