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**NASHVILLE FILM FESTIVAL
ANNOUNCES
Record-Breaking Film and Screenwriting Competitions**

45th Anniversary Year – April 17 – 26, 2014

Now 10-days

*Regal Cinemas Green Hills and
Nissan Multicultural Festival Village, Downtown Nashville*

Nashville, TN - The Nashville Film Festival (NaFF) today announced record-breaking numbers for its annual Filmmaking Competition. The call for entries topped out at 3,133 films, a 5% increase over last year. In addition, films came in from 125 countries, more than ever in the history of the festival. International submissions grew to 1,404 compared with U.S. films at 1,729. Germany, alone, sent 165 films.

“In five years we’ve doubled the call,” said Brian Owens, artistic director. “We can attribute it to NaFF’s reputation among filmmakers as one of the best festivals to get into in the world, and Nashville’s reputation as one of the world’s best cities to visit.”

NaFF’s inaugural Screenwriting Competition drew 1,523 entries in feature, short and teleplay divisions. “We are proud that so many screenwriters entered – but even more proud of the quality of scripts we received,” said Ted Crockett, Executive Director. “The inaugural screenwriting competition is a completely new opportunity and world for us.”

The Nashville Film Festival has been an Academy Award Qualifying Festival for short narratives for several years, and this year, after the competition closed, it was named an Academy Award Qualifying Festival for short documentaries. This designation means short films that win at NaFF are given Oscar consideration.

This Festival promises to be ground breaking in many ways. It is NaFF’s 45th Anniversary year. The festival will expand to 10 days and will take place in two locations.

The downtown location, is named the Nissan Multicultural Festival Village, at Walk of Fame Park, will offer free films for the public nightly in NaFF’s outdoor theater. It will also feature live music events, a cash bar, and, on weekends, activities for families. For three days, April 18, 19, and 20, NaFF will screen free films at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. Check www.nashvillefilmfestival.org for a full schedule of events.

Regal Cinemas Green Hills will be the site of more than 200 film events in six theaters, the VIP tent for filmmakers, celebrities and members, and the NaFF Red Carpet.

“2014 promises to be a ground-breaking year for the Nashville Film Festival,” states NaFF Executive Director Ted Crockett. “From expanding our dates to presenting events in multiple venues throughout Music City, these changes will lift NaFF into the top tier of 1,500 U.S. film festivals with programs and attendance rivaling Sundance, Toronto, and Seattle Film Festivals.”

The Nashville Film Festival began in 1969, and since its inception, nearly 35,000 filmmakers from around the world have submitted films. High-profile actors and actresses have connections to the city and many reside in Nashville, consistently attending NaFF, including past attendees Oprah Winfrey, Nicole Kidman, William Shatner, Brad Paisley and Kimberly Williams-Paisley, plus many more.

Nashville Film Festival (NaFF), April 17 – 26, 2014, presented by Nissan North America, brings the world to Nashville in a 10-day celebration of film. NaFF celebrates the diversity of the human voice and vision by curating program segments to include Latino, Black, GLBT, and Jewish films. Founded in 1969 by Mary Jane Coleman, it is one of the oldest (45-years) film festivals in the U.S. As an Academy Award Qualifying Event, NaFF draws filmmakers and celebrity guests and the Festival annually garners notice from the Associated Press, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal online, MovieMaker Magazine, IndieWire, Variety, Billboard, New York and Script Magazine.

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