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1st Annual Kern Projections Film Festival Accepting Submissions

Bakersfield, CA. The 1st annual Kern Projections Film Festival, scheduled Oct. 10-14, is now accepting submissions. Filmmakers can submit their work to the festival online at <http://www.withoutabox.com/login/6102>.

The festival is seeking films from independent filmmakers in the categories of fiction, documentary, animation, music videos, and sponsor-related ad spots. Deadlines and submissions fees: Early-bird deadline-July 15, \$20 regular and \$15 student; Regular deadline-August 10, \$25 regular, \$20 student; Late deadline-August 24, \$35 regular and \$30 student; Latest deadline-September 1, \$45 all entries. For more information on category requirements and submissions information, go to <http://www.kernprojections.com> or <http://www.withoutabox.com/login/6102>.

Kern County has long been a popular locale for film and television production because of its diverse geography, variety of settings, and proximity to Los Angeles. Over 500 productions have used Kern County locations since the early 1900s when the Keystone Cops used the locale. From oil fields to the rapids of the Kern River; from the Mojave Desert to grape vineyards and onion fields; from railroad tracks snaking through the Tehachapi Pass to the Mojave airport; from the Sequoias of the southern Sierra Nevada to the blue-collar, honky-tonk atmosphere of Oildale; from Red Rock Canyon to the streets of Bakersfield, Kern County offers classic and modern settings for filmmakers. To date 15 films released or in production in 2007, including Oceans 13, have used Kern County locations. Notable television shows such as 24 and Six Feet Under have shot episodes in Kern County.

To honor this tradition, the Kern County Board of Trade, Bakersfield Convention and Visitor's Bureau, the Kern Film Commission, and the Spotlight Theater Foundation are co-sponsoring the festival. The annual event is designed to present opportunities for filmmakers to exhibit, and audiences to view, quality films that expand their knowledge of cinema and enhance their appreciation of the filmmaking process. The festival will include screenings, classes, and other associated events.

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