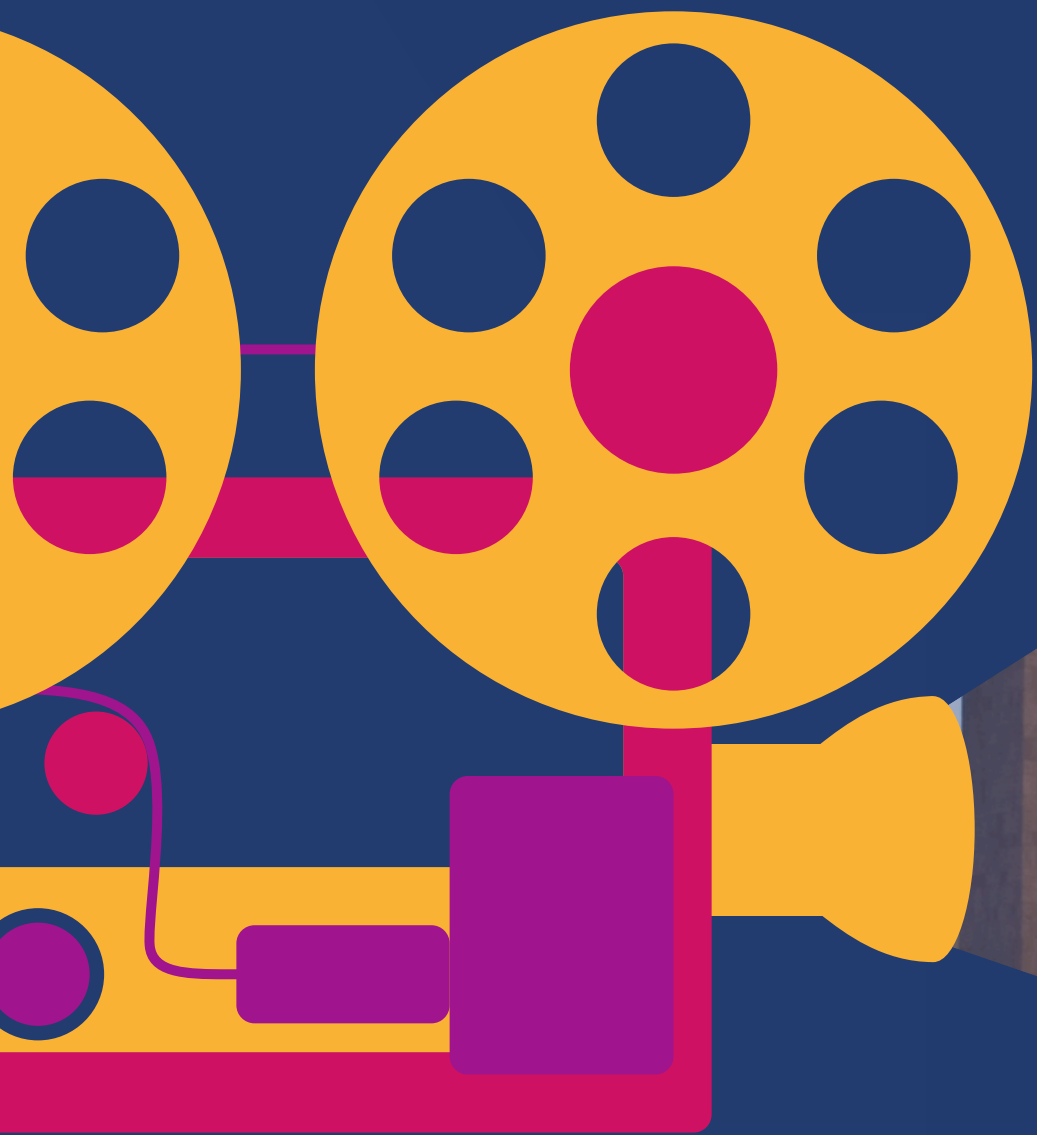
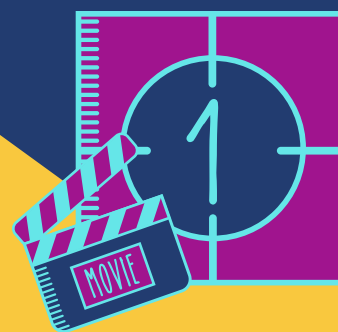




Columbus Film, Author & Photography Festival
Originally scheduled for October 14–18, 2026 at the Lincoln Theatre, has been postponed. We are targeting March 2027
— new venue and dates to be announced

**PARTNERSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES**



OUR PURPOSE



While teaching one day at Ohio Media School, our founder Danielle D. Smith found herself in an in-depth conversation with a student about their future in media. During the discussion, Danielle began to share her experiences of touring the film festival circuit, and the awards she had won along the way. Her students were in awe and showed a great deal of interest in learning more.

This gave Danielle the initial idea to form a festival. The thought of opening up this world to more people and giving them the opportunity to find the happiness and success she experienced quickly became an important goal. She spoke with business strategists, Mamie Saunders and then Lucinda Cross, and began to envision the possibilities for igniting the passion that our youth have for media. She was emboldened by the idea of showing them how to work in excellence as well as how to strive for their dreams.

This turned into the creation of The F.A.P. Festival, which is built to showcase local, national and international artists, while also highlighting the work of our youth.

In order to further the reach of that spotlight, the festival has partnered with Today's Youth, Tomorrow's Adult Media Production, which provides a media and film elective course for middle and high schoolers.

While she knows she can't go back to her youth to learn the media world at a younger age, Danielle has embraced the understanding that she can introduce it to others earlier in their lives and help open the possibilities for their futures.

The F.A.P. Festival offers free submission and admission to all of the youth under the age of 18 that attend. They'll get opportunities to walk the red carpet, meet with executives, and experience the gratification of competition.

We look forward to expanding the festival to other states and countries.



The Event of the Year

The Columbus Film, Author & Photography Festival: Uniting Visionaries in Film, Dance, Music, Fashion, Literature & Photography. The Columbus F.A.P. Festival encourages and supports the growing number of people in the arts. This festival aims to reward the accomplishments of like-minded artists who aim to create interesting content. This festival is for new and seasoned artists, youth starting in middle school through adults.

Our main goal is to illuminate creators and form connections with different artistic genres, which provides independent artists with the recognition they deserve.

The Columbus F.A.P. Festival is a festival for all creatives. Authors, filmmakers, fashion designers, dancers and photographers. Authors can see their book go from pages to the big screen. Artists and photographers can showcase their work to a diverse demographic.

DAY ONE through THREE

- Watching the Official Selections. Each day will start at 10am

DAY ONE and TWO Evening activities:

- Thursday - Author & Photography Launch
- Friday - Friday Night Live: The Shred Experience - Featuring, Music, Fashion Show and Dance Performance

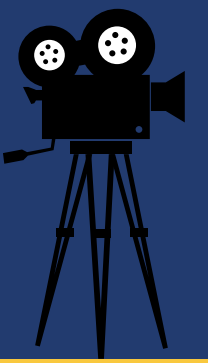
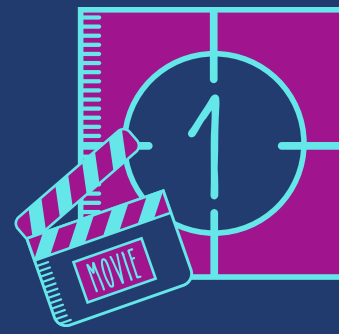
DAY THREE EVENING

6pm Red Carpet

7pm Awards Ceremony

DAY FOUR AFTERNOON

The Power Boost Luncheon is a dynamic networking experience designed for business professionals, entrepreneurs, and organizational leaders to connect, collaborate, and grow. This curated lunch brings together like-minded individuals for meaningful relationship building, practical business insight, and powerful conversations that support personal and professional advancement.



Who Are Our Judges?



Alfred Dove
Dance Choreographer



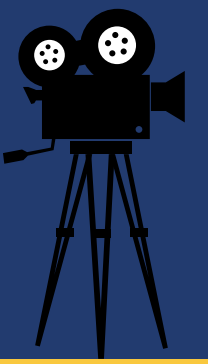
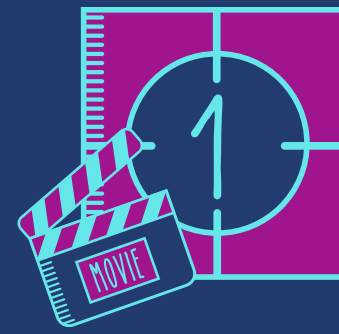
Rosalind Jones
Award-Winning
Photographer



Ben Striz
Film Editor &
Producer



Bryant Stills
Videographer
&
Photographer



Who Are Our Judges?



Joylynn M. Ross
**Award-Winning Author &
Publishing Coach**



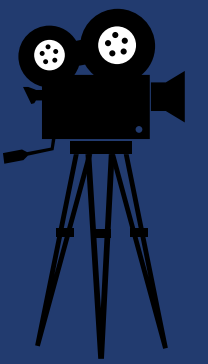
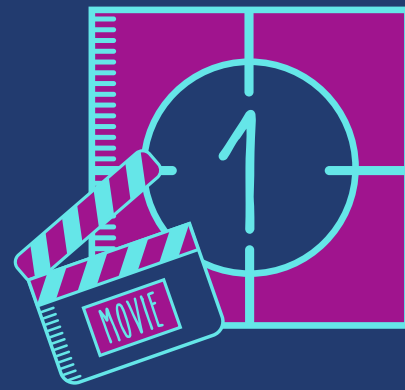
Alfredo Battle
**International
Filmmaker & Editor**



Colette Harrell
Publishing Coach



Cedric L. Blackmon
Music Producer



Meet Our Presenters

*More presenters to be announced
soon

Maurice “First”

**Executive Producer &
Manager to Drew Sidora,
Taral Hicks Dawson & others**



**Phoenicia Sibert
Author, Pastor &
Inspirational Speaker**

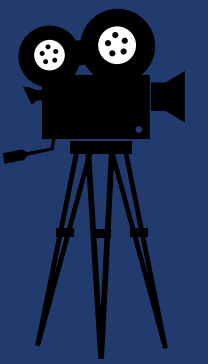
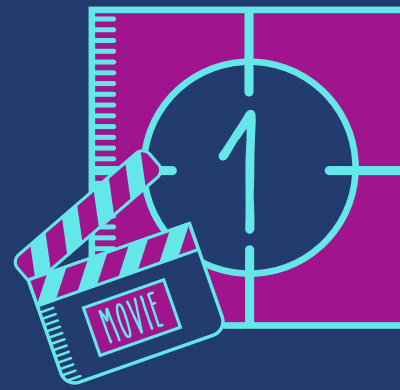


**Tracey Baker-Simmons
Emmy Nominated
Executive Producer**



**Steve “Phillyflyguy”
Award- Winning
Director/Editor/DP**





Meet Our Presenters

Demeatria Boccella

**Fashion &
Cultural Creative Executive
*Creator & Executive Producer,
NFL Draft Red Carpet Fashion
Show •
Founder, FashionAFRICANA***



***More presenters to be announced
soon**



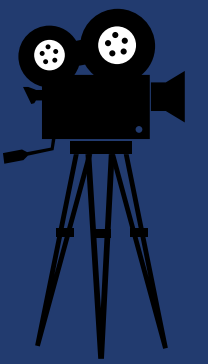
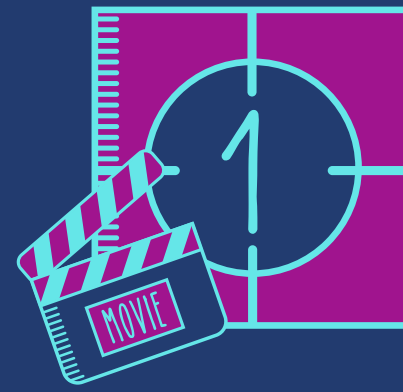
**Dr. Janell Jones
Licensed Independent
Social Worker (LISW-S),
Certified Trauma
Professional (CTP), TEDx
Speaker**



**Karen Hewitt M. Ed.
Founder and Principal Griot,
The Culture of You**

**Zuri Greer
Master Clothier &
Business Coach**





Power Boost Luncheon

Power = Move with great speed or force

Boost = A source of encouragement leading to increase or improvement

Featured speakers include Lucinda Cross, widely known as The Activator, and Kendra Y. Hill, a multi-millionaire entrepreneur and global business consultant. Together, they embody the Power Boost Luncheon theme Growth, Grit & Greatness — delivering transformational insight, practical strategy, and powerful leadership development.



Lucinda Cross
Chief Activator/Entrepreneur



Kendra Y. Hill
Business
Consultant/Serial
Entrepreneur



Who attends film festivals?

Film festivals provide an opportunity for unknown filmmakers to get their movies in front of real audiences and to have their films reviewed by professional critics.

There are so many benefits to attending film festivals:

- View great movies
- Listen and learn from seasoned panelists
- Meet international filmmakers and photographers
- Networking, special events and workshops

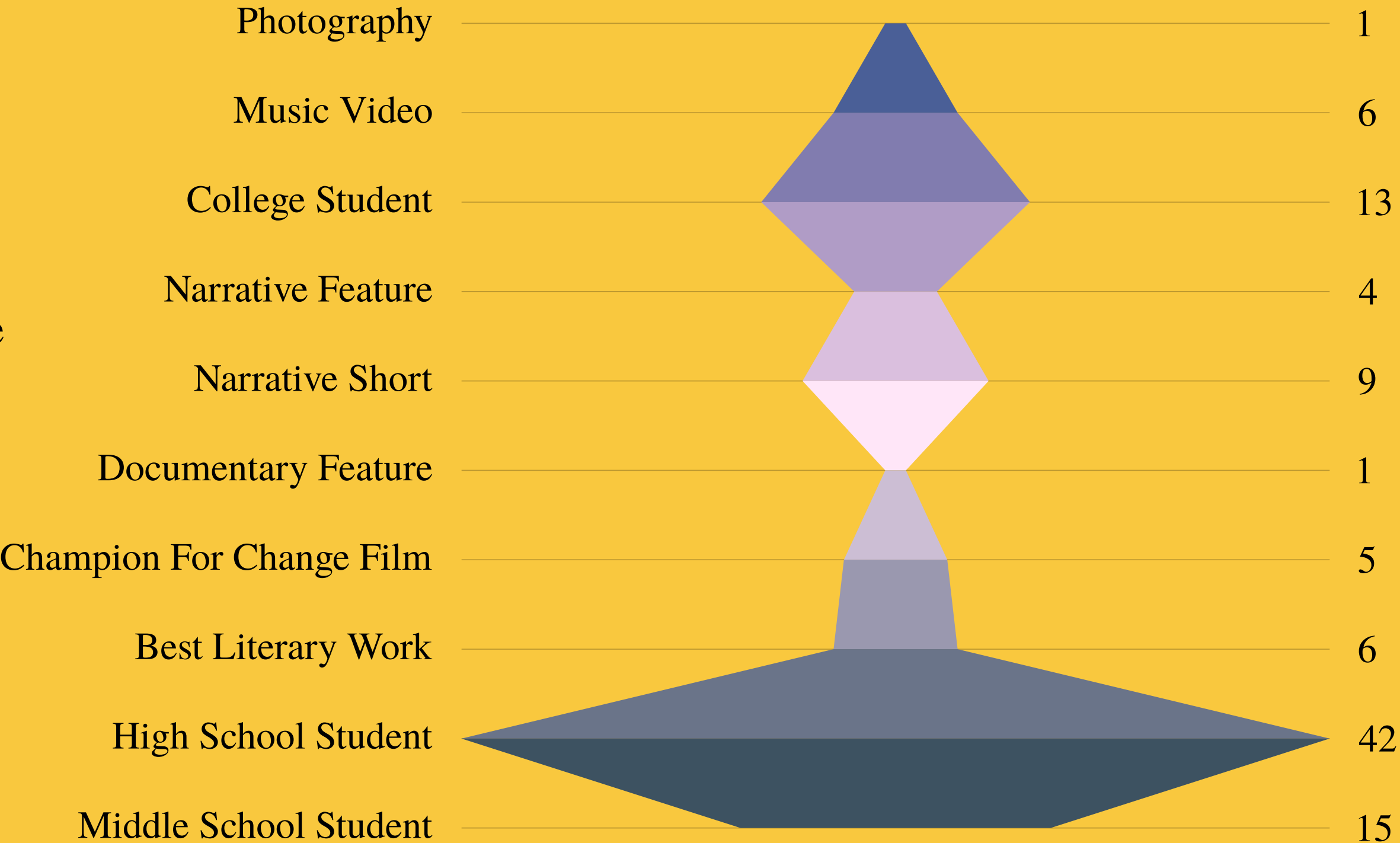
Film festivals are attended by many different types of people:

1. **The Social Networker** is looking to meet new people. Their hope is to connect with savvy professionals who share common goals.
2. **The Thinker** comes to be inspired. They hope to spark new creativity for themselves and others.
3. **The Deal Maker** attends with the more specific goal of meeting those they can work with on upcoming projects. These are typically producers, directors, actors, writers and more.

Chart Page

There was a total of 30 submissions from the first year - 2023

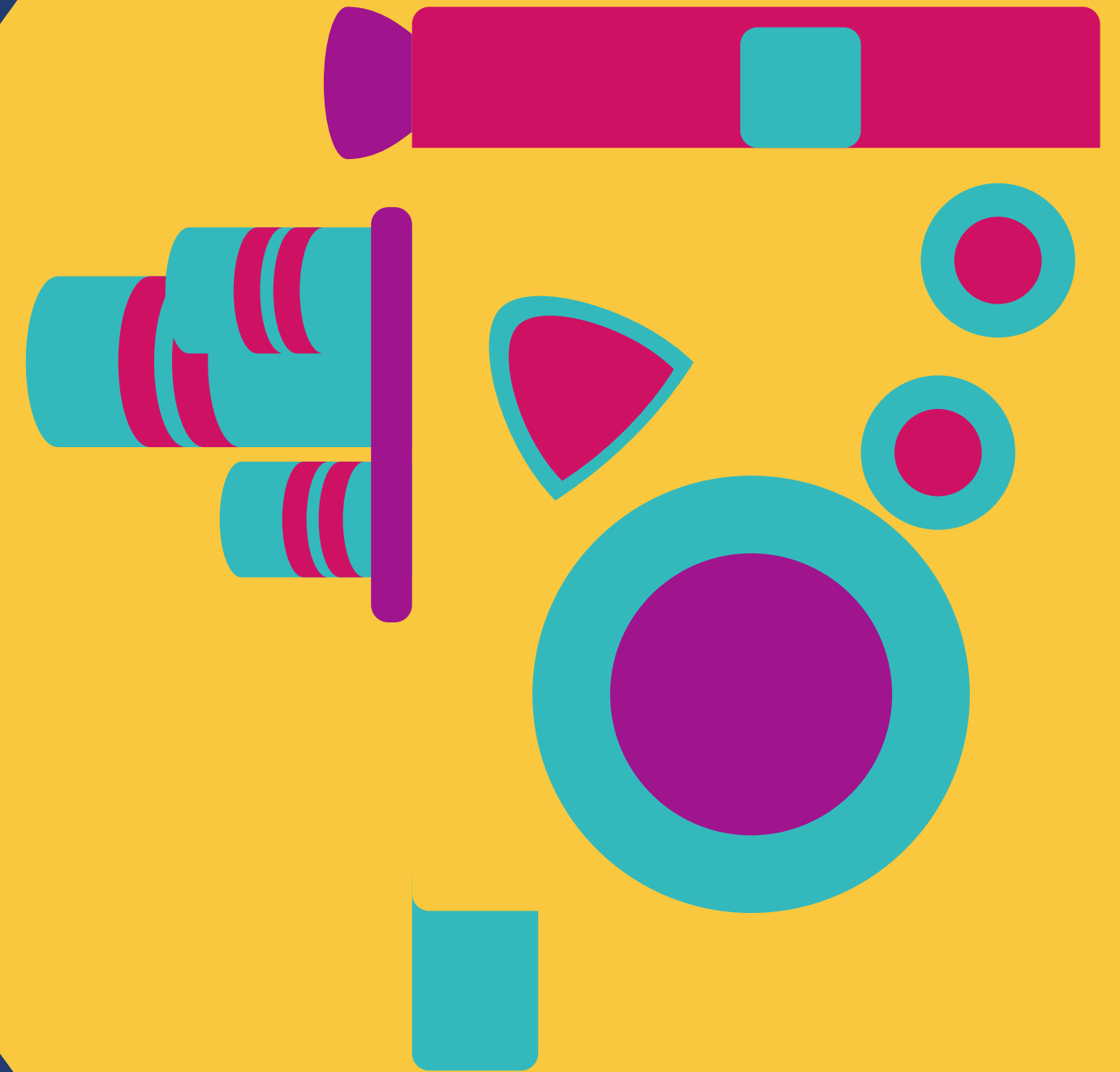
In 2025, we had a total of 102 submissions



Danielle D. Smith Presents



PARTNERSHIP LEVELS



PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

COLUMBUS FILM, AUTHOR & PHOTOGRAPHY FESTIVAL

Major Partnership Opportunities

March 2027 · Columbus, Ohio
Venue and exact dates to be announced

Partnership benefit	Headliner \$70,000	Premiere \$40,000	Showcase \$25,000
BRAND RECOGNITION			
Logo on TV advertisements (placement to be determined)	YES	—	—
Name and logo / mention on broadcast, print and radio (estimated 1 million impressions)	YES	—	—
Logo on official festival show poster	YES	YES	—
Festival program placement (2,000 programs)	Full page	Half page	Quarter page
Recognition in social and web campaign (Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn)	YES	YES	YES
Logo placement on festival website home page	YES	YES	—
Logo on sponsorship page of festival website	YES	YES	YES
ON-SITE ACTIVATION			
Public-address announcements per day	6	4	2
Exhibitor display area	6-ft table	6-ft table	6-ft table
Logo on team volunteer T-shirts	YES	YES	YES
HOSPITALITY			
VIP tickets	10	5	2

Partnerships can be customized. Final benefits, placements and deadlines will be confirmed in writing.

BRANDING

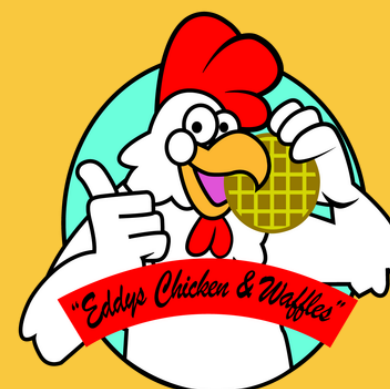
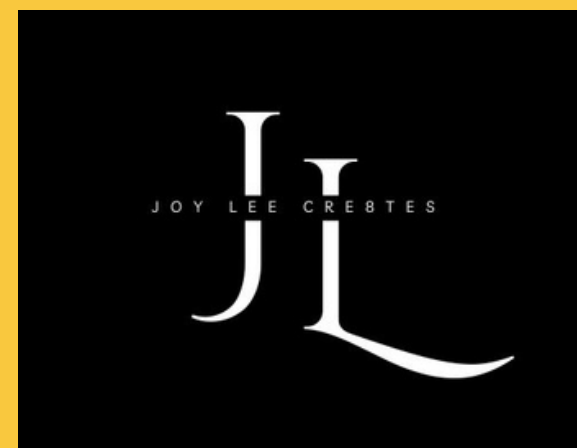
Naming Rights

Various levels of naming rights and opportunities are available to allow companies or organizations to build brand awareness, or participate and show support for the Film, Author and Photography Festival. Company name will be included with any reference to your sponsored areas

Main Gate	Main Gate Entrance Sponsor, 4 passes to the Festival for the weekend and an exhibit table.
Volunteer T-Shirts	Right to place only company logo on back of t-shirts. You will also receive 2 PA mentions per day and logo on sponsorship page of website.
Naming Rights of All Lanyards	Will have name on all lanyards that will be worn by volunteers, submitters plus receive 4 PA mentions.



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