

Columbus Film, Author & Photography Festival

Columbus, OH - October 14-18, 2026

The Lincoln Theatre 769 E. Long Street, Columbus

**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 FOUR

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

DAY ONE through THREE Evening activities:

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

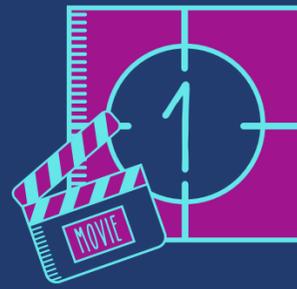
DAY FOUR EVENING

6pm Red Carpet

7pm Awards Ceremony

DAY FIVE 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



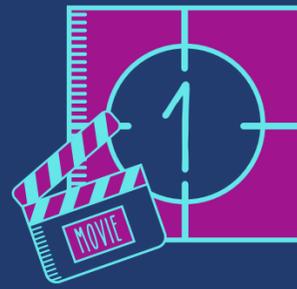
Rosalind Jones
Award-Winning
Photographer



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



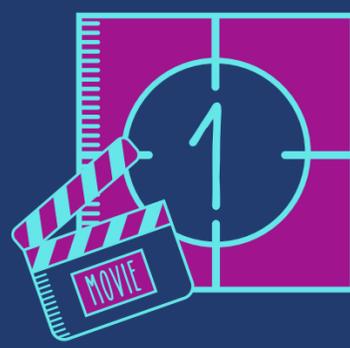
Lisa Orban
Publishing Coach



Alphonso Grant
Celebrity Booking Agent



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



Rodney Damon

Collins

Award-Winning

Actor & Author



Tracey Baker-Simmons

Emmy Nominated

Executive Producer

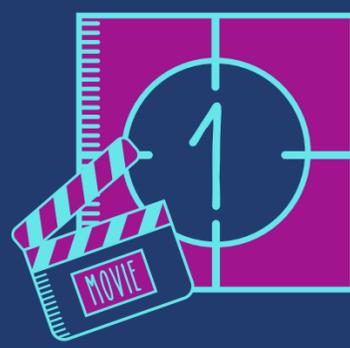


Steve “Phillyflyguy”

Award- Winning

Director/Editor/DP





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:

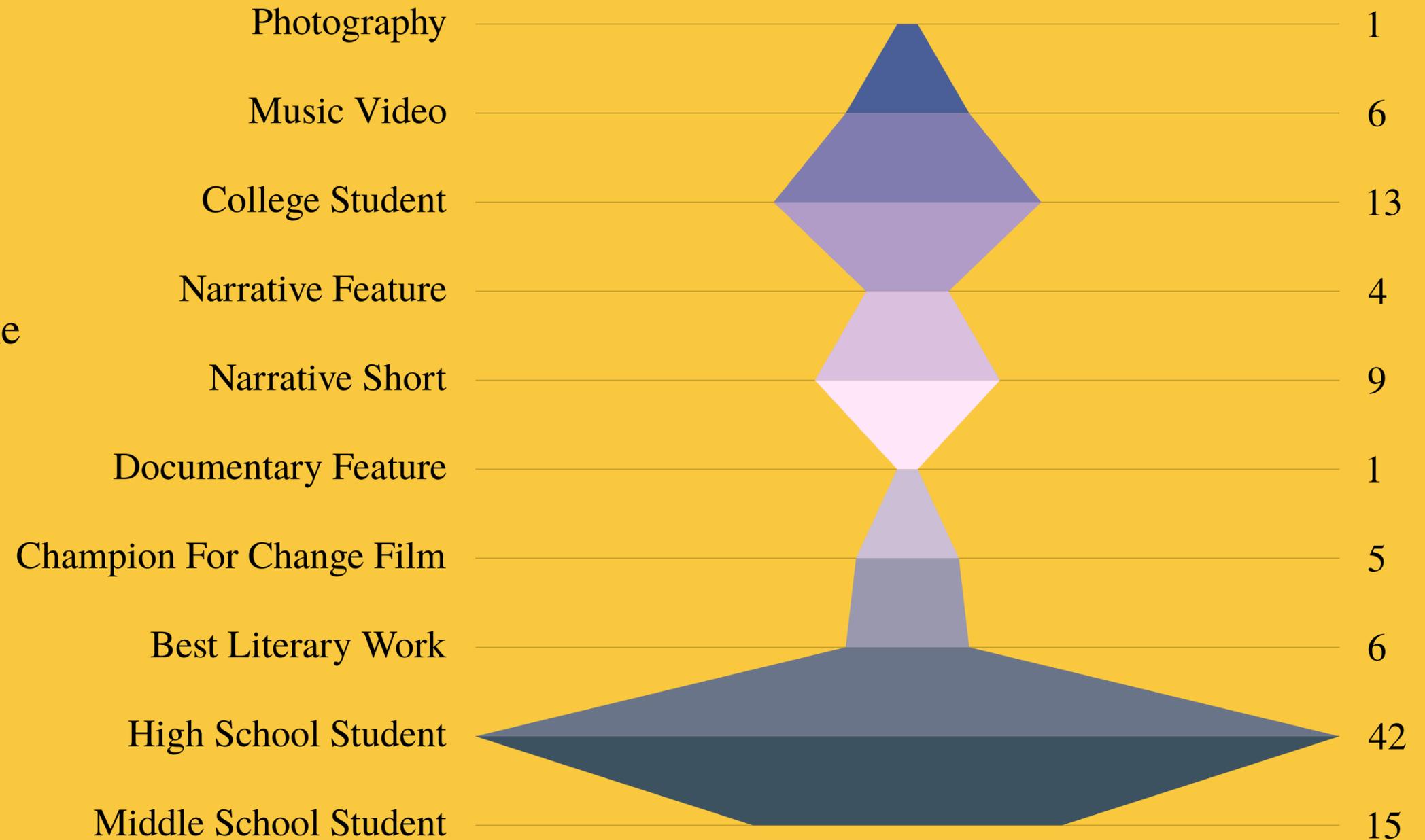
1. **The Social Networker** is looking to meet new people. Their hope is to connect with savvy professionals who share common goals.
2. **The Thinker** comes to be inspired. They hope to spark new creativity for themselves and others.
3. **The Deal Maker** attends with the more specific goal of meeting 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



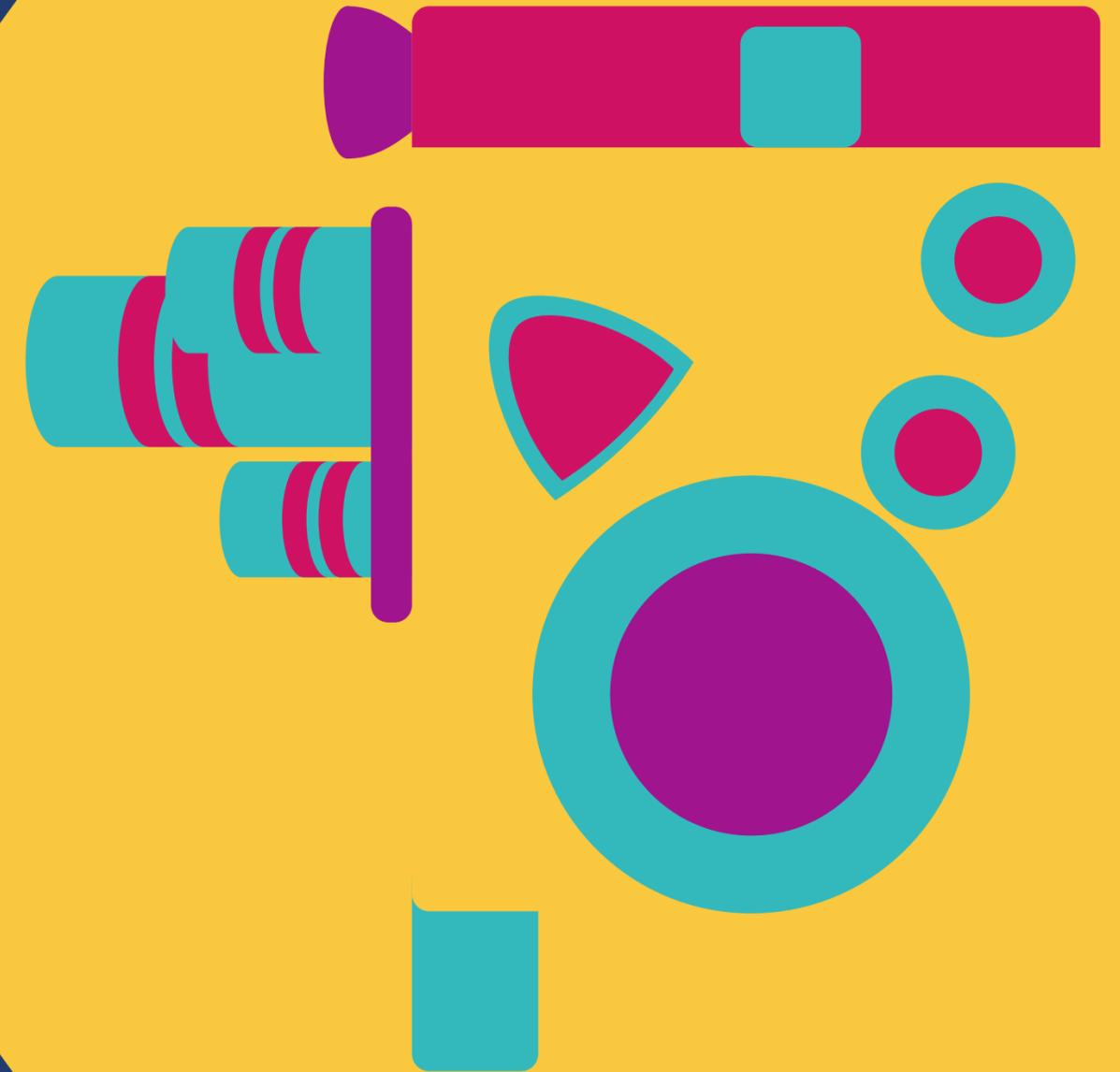
Danielle D. Smith Presents

Film, Author & Photography Festival



F.A.P. Festival

PARTNERSHIP LEVELS



PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

	Platinum	Gold	Silver
	\$25,000	\$10,000	\$5,000
Brand Recognition			
Logo on TV Ads	Y		
Name & Logo/Mention on Broadcasting, Print and Radio (estimated IMM impressions)	Y	Y	
Logo on Official Festival Show Step and Repeat	Y	Y	
Film Festival Programs (2,000)	Full-page	Half-page	Quarter-page
Recognition in social networking and web campaign (Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn)	Y	Y	Y
Placement of logo on home page of Festival website	Y	Y	
Logo on Sponsorship Page of website	Y	Y	Y
On Site Activation			
P.A. Announcements (per day)	6	4	2
Exhibitor Display Area	6 ft. Table	6 ft. Table	6 ft. Table
Logo on all Team Volunteer T-Shirts	Y	Y	Y
Hospitality			
VIP Ticket	10	5	2



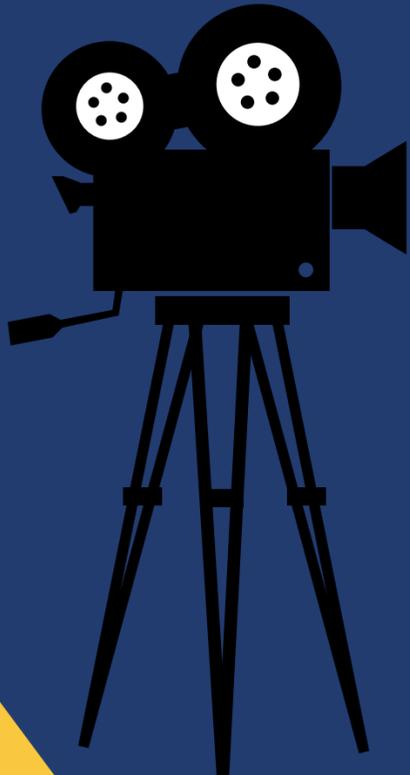
EXHIBITS

Exhibit booth spaces are excellent opportunities for interaction with festival attendees! These high-traffic display areas afford an ideal opportunity for mobile marketing, product sampling, lead generation, and tremendous exposure.

Benefits include:

Logo on website exhibitor page and event program layout.

For Profit	One Day	Two Days
	\$200	\$300
Staff Passes	2	3
Non-Profit	\$100	\$150
Staff Passes	2	3



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.



BRAND SPONSORSHIP

Brand your logo with the Columbus Film, Author & Photography Festival!
Have your logo added to our Step-N-Repeat during the duration of the event.



Rate

\$125

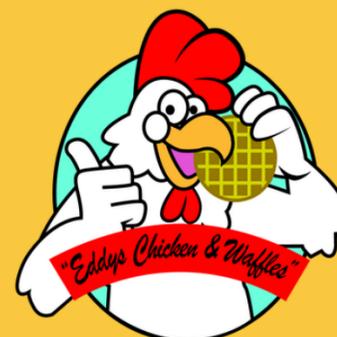
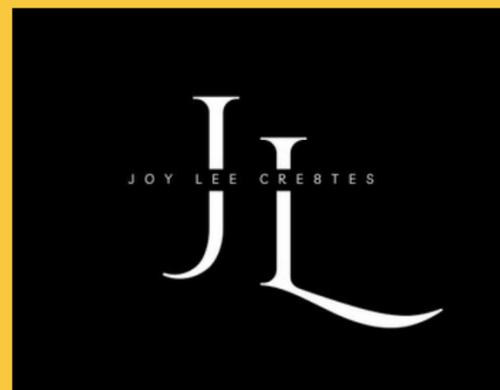
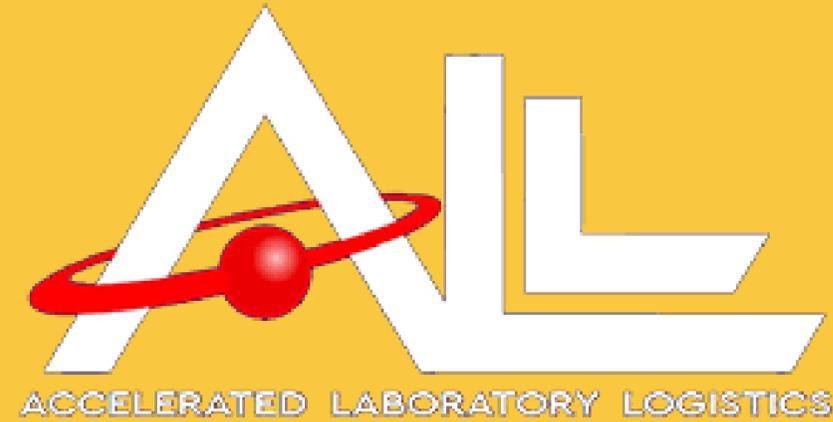
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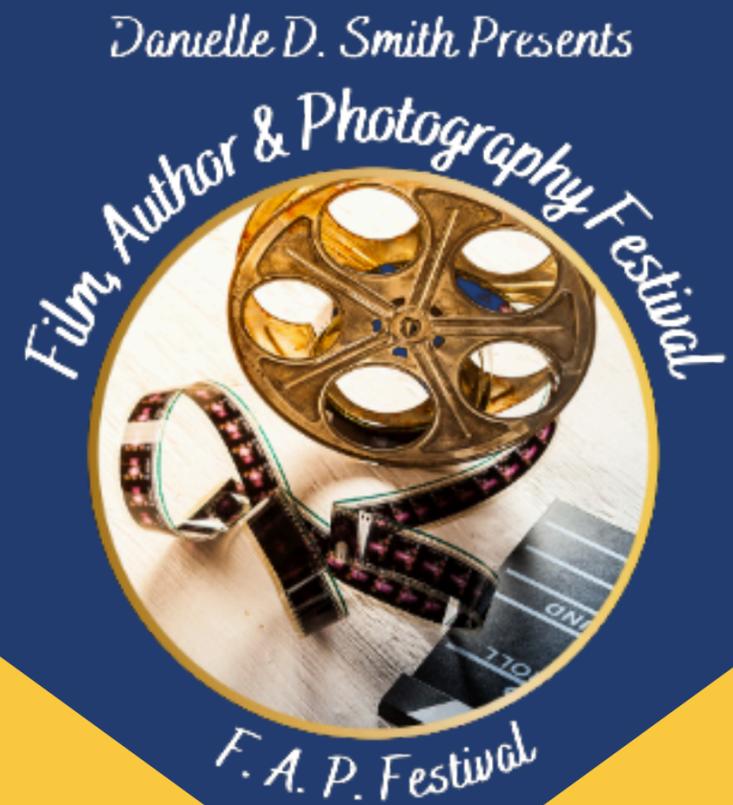
Logo on flyer

Logo on Step-N-Repeat

Vendor table present at event all five days

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