

7th Annual Red Wasp Film Festival: November 6 and 7, 2009

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BRYAN, TX—It's time once again to celebrate independent film in the Brazos Valley! Brazos Progressives is proud to announce the 7th Annual Red Wasp Film Festival in downtown Bryan at Stage Center (201-B W 26th St.), November 6 and 7, 2009, from 7:30 until 11:30 pm. Tickets are available at the door: \$15 for one night or \$25 for both nights. There is also a special student rate of \$10 for one night and \$15 for both nights. Concessions will be available for purchase, and there will be a cash bar staffed by Revolution.

If you're tired of the most recent corporate offerings from big Hollywood studios, then this is an event that you don't want to miss. The Red Wasp Film Festival attracts local filmmakers as well as artists throughout the state and the nation, and organizers expect this year's Red Wasp to be a great success. "There is so much talent out there and too few venues," said RWFF founder Carol Conlee. "If you make film as an artist or director or photographer, it's hard to find a place to show your work. Festivals provide that format, and their popularity is gaining in great numbers across the country. We simply want to assist artists' interface with the public. It's like having a temporary electronic art gallery."

The Red Wasp Film Festival is currently accepting submissions of independent films. Additionally, Red Wasp is accepting unproduced screenplays this year, which will be considered for the "Best Screenplay" award.

The Red Wasp Film Festival encourages viewers to interact with the filmmakers and to participate in the judging process. Audience members will be able to discuss the films with the filmmakers during "question and answer" sessions. Also, the audience will have an opportunity to vote for their favorite film, as they determine the winner of the "Audience Favorite" award.

In addition to the "Audience Favorite" and "Best Screenplay" awards, festival judges will select a "Red Wasp Best" winner for the best film overall. Local artist Theodora Saladino Krc is sculpting this year's Red Wasp trophy, which will be presented at the festival late Saturday night.

Local Brazos Valley residents have teamed up with Brazos Progressives to ensure the RWFF's future successes, and we encourage anyone in our community who would like to help with this event (volunteers to take tickets and help with set-up during the festival, anyone willing to help with publicity, etc.) to contact Krista May at kristamay@earthlink.net.

For more information about the Red Wasp Film Festival, including lists of past winners and sponsors, submission guidelines, and updates about the Red Wasp monthly independent film series at Village Café and Art979, visit <http://redwasp.org>.

Please join us as we celebrate independent film on November 6 and 7 at Stage Center. Doors will open at 7 pm both evenings. See you there!