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Call for Entries for Lamorinda ShortDocs Film Fest *Open to local filmmakers of all ages to showcase documentaries in our community*

Orinda, CA— Lamorinda Arts Council (LAC) will host their 2nd Annual ShortDocs Film Fest at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center on May 7th at 3pm. This documentary film festival provides local filmmakers an opportunity to create new work as well as showcase it at a community screening.

"I am excited to produce this festival for the second time," said Meredith Friedman, Festival Founder and Managing Director of LAC. "Last year's festival was inspiring, featuring movies from first-time filmmakers and veterans alike. Digital film production is the future of media and I feel privileged to offer artists another opportunity to share stories through film."

Entries for the Lamorinda ShortDocs Film Fest will be accepted from now until April 19th. The competition is open to anyone five years of age or older who is living, working or attending school in Orinda, Lafayette or Moraga. Film submissions will be judged in one of four categories: elementary school, middle school, high school, and adult.

Last year's Lamorinda ShortDocs Film Fest judges - filmmaker Julie Rubio (*East Side Sushi, Too Perfect*) and TV Producer Joel Patterson (*Pawn Stars, The Unknown Flag Raiser of Iwo Jima*) - will be returning for this year's festival and will be joined by Greg Fulcher (1013 Media Production) and Los Angeles based director/producer Jonathan Karsh (Lionsgate TV, Shiny Objects Entertainment).

"I was impressed by the talent of last year's filmmakers and the sophistication of their films, including the beautiful storytelling and cinematography," explained award-winning local filmmaker Julie Rubio. "I look forward to judging this year's entries of documentary films and choosing finalists in each film category."

The May 7th community screening will feature selected films and accompanying award presentations. To learn more about the Lamorinda ShortDocs Film Fest competition and to enter go to <http://www.lamorindaarts.org/shortdocs>.

About the Lamorinda Arts Council

Founded in 1950 as the Orinda Arts Council, the now Lamorinda Arts Council (LAC) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that has been igniting and sustaining artistic expression and appreciation in the visual, performing and literary arts for people of all ages in our community for over sixty five years. Notable LAC events and programs include Lamorinda Idol, the High School Visual Arts Competition, Lamorinda ShortDocs Film Fest, Art in Public Places, and Orinda Library Art Gallery exhibits. For more information on LAC, please visit www.lamorindaarts.org.