



What is Raw Voices '09?

Every year, Chicago teens who are currently involved in the media arts (as well as teens who are interested in finding out more) gather on the campus of Columbia College for *Raw Voices: Teens in the Media Arts Festival*, an annual conference celebrating the work and opportunities available to teens in this vibrant industry.

When and where is Raw Voices this year?

Raw Voices will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2009 from 10am-3pm on the campus of Columbia College Chicago, 623 S. Wabash. Groups are encouraged to attend (please see enclosed group registration form).

What is there to do at Raw Voices?

- Media Fair with information and representatives from a number of important media organizations from throughout the city.
- FREE lunch buffet for all attendees.
- Workshops in the media arts including video, photography, journalism, and more.
- Tour the Columbia College Chicago campus, including media arts departments.
- Contest Winners' Showcase, where the winning teen artists will receive CASH PRIZES and everyone will have the chance to see their work.

What do I need to know about the Raw Voices Contest?

Teens interested in having their work reviewed and possibly featured in the *Winners' Showcase* (with CASH PRIZES for excellence) should fill out the application form and submit it with their entry by March 27, 2009.

Eligibility:

- The work must be original work in the media arts and must have been completed in 2009, 2008, or 2007. Please refer to contest categories listed on the application form.
- At least one of the main creators must have been a teen when the work was completed. For group projects, use this person as the contact person.

Formats:

- Standard size VHS, CD, or DVD; copies of newspapers, magazines or 'zines produced for distribution to readers.
- Website URLs can be indicated on the registration form.
- Stand-alone photos should be submitted as JPEG files on CD, with the image's caption indicated in the description space on the application form.

Deadline:

Completed application and work must be received by Friday, March 27, 2009. A separate application form must be completed and submitted with each entry. Judging sessions will begin soon; thus late entries can not be accepted!

Judging:

A panel of media professionals will select the winners. Judging will begin on April 3rd.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING CASH AWARDS:

All winners must attend the Raw Voices Winners Showcase event on April 25, 2009 from 10am- 3pm at 623 S. Wabash Ave., on the campus of Columbia College Chicago. Those not in attendance will forfeit their prize. Winners will be contacted by Raw Voices no later than April 15th.



Raw Voices: Teens in the Media Arts Festival '09
CONTEST APPLICATION FORM:
Deadline is Friday, March 27, 2009

Title of work: _____

Length (if applicable, in minutes: seconds): _____ **Date of Completion:** _____

Format: CD/DVD Hard Copy (zines, magazines, newspapers) Website _____

Software needed to review the work (if applicable): _____

Please check the box for which category your work will be competing:

Video/Film/TV Broadcast

- Technical Achievements in editing, cinematography, or motion graphics (\$100)
- Strongest Voice Award (\$100)

Print/Newspapers/Zines

- Student Publication of the Year (\$100)
- Outstanding News or Feature Item (\$50)

Photo/Graphics

- Achievement in Photo Journalism (\$100)
- Achievement in Experimental Photography (\$50)

Radio/Audio/Podcast

- Achievement in Personal Storytelling or Original Music (\$50)
- Outstanding Community-Based, Student Reporting or Interview (\$50)

Alternative and New Media: including cartoon/illustration, alternative media, blogs, web, spoken word, computer gaming, interdisciplinary/mixed media projects, etc.

- Achievement in Alternative and New Media (\$50) OR Runner-up in Alternative and New Media (\$25)

SPECIAL AWARDS

- Best Participation by an Organization (\$100)
- Special Award for Best Participation by a School (\$100)
- TIMOTHY J. DENSMORE HALL OF FAME: Youth Media Teacher of the Year Award

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For Individual Works:

Name of Artist: _____ Age (now): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

For Group Projects:

If applicable, name of producing organization or school: _____

Identify one contact person for Raw Voices communications: Name of Contact: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

All Projects:

Description (50 words or less, can be on a separate attachment):

For Special Awards:

- Best Participation by an Organization *Name of Nominated Organization* _____
- Special Award for Best Participation by a School *Name of Nominated School* _____
- TIMOTHY J. DENSMORE Youth Media Teacher of the Year Award *Name of Nominee* _____

Nominated by: _____

Please describe why you believe this individual or organization/school is deserving of this special award. (50 words or less, can be on a separate attachment):

Authorized Signature of Artist or Contact Person:

I, _____, give my permission for the work (title) _____ to be presented at *Raw Voices: Teens in the Media Arts Festival '09 Winners' Showcase*. I certify that I have creative control over this work.

Send this application form along with your entry to:

Raw Voices Teen Media Showcase
Columbia College Chicago
ATTN: Paul Teruel
600 S. Michigan Avenue
Chicago, IL 60605

Questions? Check the Raw Voices website at www.colum.edu/ccap or contact us at 312.369.8873 or epocap@colum.edu

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