Call for entries:

We are excited to announce the **8th Annual International Youth Silent Film Festival**, a worldwide short silent film competition which showcases the talents of student filmmakers twenty years of age or younger.

The inaugural Detroit Regional competition will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2017 at the Redford Theatre in Detroit, Michigan where screening finalists will have their films shown with live theatre organ accompaniment. Participants will also compete for cash prizes of $1,000 for first, $500 for second and $250 for third. On June 7, 2017 the official selections for the International Award Show will be screened at the Hollywood Theatre in Portland, Oregon and will include the first, second and third place films from the Detroit Regionals.

**We ask that you explore the web site for this exciting event at www.makesilentfilm.com**

**THERE ARE NO FEES TO PARTICIPATE**

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 15, 2017**

Filmmakers must create a three minute silent movie using one of ten musical themes provided by the festival. To hear the themes visit <http://makesilentfilm.com/rules.html#music>. Films are scored on four criteria: acting, story, editing and cinematography. Scoring guidelines may be found on the festival website at <http://makesilentfilm.com/resources/Jury_Scoring_Guidelines.pdf>.

We hope all young people with interest in filmmaking, acting, writing, and the arts take advantage of this unique opportunity to participate in this very special event.

Visit our web site NOW to view past winning films, download our free curriculum, learn about our judges, listen and download the musical themes to be used with film submissions, and much, much more.

Submit online at [www.makesilentfilm.com](http://www.makesilentfilm.com)

Videos and winning films from previous competitions may also be found at:

 https://www.youtube.com/user/IYSFFOfficial

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