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401 Film Fest Announces 2016 Edition

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RHODE ISLAND – The 401 Film Fest is proud to announce its 2016 annual festival. Film submissions are now open, FREE for locals, and will be accepted until midnight July 31, 2016. All information on how to do so may be found at www.401FilmFest.com.

The primary goal of the 401 Film Fest is to give our local, truly independent, low-no budget filmmakers and students a chance and a vessel to show their work. We want others to see what their local independent filmmakers are doing - and we believe the people want to see it, too!

In addition to supporting local, independent filmmakers, the event serves as a fundraiser for **Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Ocean State**. The organization is near and dear to **Festival Director Adam Theroux's** heart. All money raised from donations and raffle prizes from this free event go directly to **BBBSOS**.

The 401 Film Fest is proud to announce that last year, the festival's first year, raised over **\$1,000** for the organization.

More than **1,100 films** from over **40 countries** were submitted last year. Many were Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut productions. Since the main focus of the festival is on local, independent filmmakers, there is always at least 50% local acceptance.

This year's celebration of local art will run from October 21 to October 23 and is completely free to attend!

The full festival lineup will be announced on September 1, 2016.