

SPOOKY MOVIE 2009: SCRIPTS

The 4th Annual Washington, D.C. International Horror Film Festival

The DarkHart Screenplay Award Competition

Title of screenplay: _____

Screenwriter(s): _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ Fax: (_____) _____

Web site: _____

E-mail address: _____

Country: _____ Genre: _____

Submission Type: (check one): Short under 70 pages Feature over 70 pages

Payment Method: Check Money Order | MySpace Name: _____

Short synopsis:

What other film festivals has your screenplay competed in appeared in? _____

Is this screenplay eligible to be published by DarkHart Press? Yes No

How did you hear about Spooky Movie? _____

I state that I am authorized to submit this screenplay to Spooky Movie - The Washington, D.C. International Horror Film Festival for consideration in the DarkHart Screenplay Competition and I have read and understand and agree to all the entry requirements. I have read and understand all of the points of the **Waiver**. I am not a friend, relative, associate, employee or volunteer for Spooky Fests LLC or DarkHart Press. I hereby release the Spooky Fests and DarkHart Press from all liability.

Signature _____

Print Name _____ Today's date _____, 2009

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Submission Guideline:

- o You must be 18 years of age or older to enter the screenplay competition.
- o The entered screenplay must not be or previously been optioned, sold, or produced.
- o Only horror, science fiction, supernatural, and suspense genres will be considered.
- o Screenplay must be original work of the author or authors.
- o Multiple authorship is allowed. If such a screenplay wins, the prize will be split between the writers.
- o Multiple entries are allowed, however each entry must be accompanied by their own completed entry form and their own appropriate entry fee. You are allowed to mail them in one package to save on postage.
- o No corrected pages or additional pages will be accepted after the screenplay has been entered.
 - o PLEASE double check your script for errors, blank pages, etc., before submitting them in.
- o Friends, family, employees and volunteers of Spooky Movie and DarkHart are **prohibited**.

Submission Fees:

FEATURES and SHORTS SCREENPLAY submissions **postmarked** by the following date can apply the following entry fees:

\$25.00 - First Look Deadline (postmarked by April 17)

\$30.00 - Early Deadline (Deadline (postmarked by May 22)

\$40.00 - Deadline (postmarked by June 26)

\$45.00 - Late Deadline (postmarked by August 7)

\$55.00 - Extended Deadline (postmarked by August 28)

WITHOUT A BOX DISCOUNTS:

\$20.00 - First Look Deadline (registered by April 17)

\$25.00 - Early Deadline (Deadline (registered by May 22)

\$30.00 - Deadline (registered by June 26)

\$35.00 - Late Deadline (registered by August 7)

*\$40.00 - Extended Deadline (registered by August 28) - **SAVE \$15.00***

Notification and Information:

- o Screenplay selection decisions are made by DarkHart Press and selection committee(s) and judges.
- o **ONLY** screenwriters selected will be notified by email, however all who use Withoutabox will receive automated notification.
- o Two winners will be announced October 2009 - one in "shorts" and one in "features" - each will receive a trophy, and each will be offered a one time, non-exclusive contract with DarkHart Press to publish the winning screenplay.
- o Outstanding runner-ups will be also be announced, and may have an opportunity to be published by DarkHart Press at a later date.
- o Enclose a stamped, self addressed postcard if you want confirmation that your entry has been received.
- o DarkHart Press and/or Spooky Fests LLC is/are not responsible for any materials lost, stolen or damaged in transit.

** Screen writers will be approached to opt-in or opt-out beforehand.*

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Shipping:

FEATURES and SHORTS SCREENPLAY should be mailed with a completed submission form here:

DarkHart Press: DarkHart Award
P.O. Box 8009
Ward Hill, MA 01935

- o Cost of shipping screenplays is the responsibility of the entrant.
- o The festival does not accept responsibility for damage or loss of materials while in transit.
- o Do not send originals - scripts will not be returned.
- o Screenplays must be in industry standard format and bound with 2 or 3 brads.

Body pages must be correctly numbered.

Script title page should only contain name of screenplay and the name of the author.

Script must be on white paper.

COVER page must be card stock.

Contact information on cover page.

Waiver:

General. By entering this Contest, entrants agree to abide by the terms of these Official Rules, which are final and binding on all matters pertaining to this Contest. All federal, state, and local laws and regulations apply. All taxes (including, without limitation, federal, state, and local taxes) on or connected with any prize and the reporting consequences thereof, are the sole and exclusive responsibility of respective winners. Submitting into this competition is not a contract for publication. All prizes awarded in connection with the Contest are nontransferable and non-endorsable. No substitution of prizes is permitted.

Rights. The screenwriter retains all rights to their work; Spooky Fests LLC has the permission to promote the screenplays, but does not have permission for printing excerpts without permission from DarkHart Press and the author(s).

Release, Waiver and Indemnification. By entering the contest, entrants release and hold the promoter and host and all other contest entities harmless from and against all losses, damages, rights, claims and actions arising in whole or part, directly or indirectly by entrant's participation in this competition. Spooky Fests LLC will not be held liable in any agreements and/or contracts between screenwriter and DarkHart Press.

Force Majeure. Nonperformance of any party shall be excused to the extent that performance is rendered impossible by strike, fire, flood, earthquakes, war, governmental acts, alien invasions, orders or restrictions, or any other reason where failure to perform is beyond the reasonable control, and not caused by the negligence of, the non-performing party.

Governing Law and Waiver of Damages. The Contest and these Official Rules are governed by and shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, United States of America, without regards to its principles of conflicts of law. For any dispute not subject to arbitration, entrant agrees to personal jurisdiction by the federal and state courts located in Fairfax, Virginia, United States of America, and waives any jurisdictional, venue, or inconvenient forum objections to such courts. Further, in any such dispute, under no circumstances will entrant be permitted to obtain awards for, and hereby irrevocably waives all rights to claim, punitive, incidental, or consequential damages, or any other damages, including attorneys' fees, other than participant's actual out-of-pocket expenses (i.e., costs associated with participating in the Contest), and entrant further irrevocably waives all rights to have damages multiplied or increased.

Privacy. Personal information submitted in connection with this competition will be kept strictly confidential and will not be sold, given or traded with any third party entity.

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