

**Call for Entries:
2024 SPE MEDIA FESTIVAL
March 22 - 23, 2024 | Marriot St. Louis Grand | St. Louis, Missouri**

The SPE (Society for Photographic Education) Media Festival (originally the SPE Women's Film Festival) has featured innovative and provocative short documentaries, animation, and fiction by, for and about women, people of color, and members of the LGBTQIA community since 1995.

We invite artists to submit video art, new media projects, and films that embrace the diversity of the moving-image medium through immersive visual storytelling, interdisciplinary research, intersectional thinking, and experimental practice. Narrative, documentary, animated and experimental shorts under 30 minutes, that address issues of concern to women, people of color, global or LGBTQIA communities, human rights, or the conference theme are eligible. We are looking for films that retell, reimagine, rewrite, and redefine more inclusive truths that will deeply affect our future as a global community.

Categories:

- **Women's Media Festival:** Short documentaries, animation and fiction by, for or about women.
- **Multi-Cultural Media Festival:** Short documentaries, animation and fiction on cultural issues by, for or about people of diverse cultural backgrounds.
- **LGBTQIA Media Festival:** Short documentaries, animation and fiction by, for or about Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Asexual people.

Eligibility:

- You may submit different work to more than one category, but the same video can't be submitted to multiple categories.
- All works under 30 minutes, including credits; there is no completion date limit.
- All rights must be cleared.
- Filmmakers do not have to be SPE members.
- Films entered in previous years are not eligible.

Entry Requirements:

- All entries submitted through FilmFreeway: <https://filmfreeway.com/SPEFilmFestival-2024>
- A web link to the full video – If password protected, include password.
- Contact information for filmmaker (name, address, email and telephone number, website optional)
- Distributor information if different than filmmaker
- Short film synopsis (maximum 50 words)
- Short director's bio (maximum 50 words)
- Awards and festival screenings, *if applicable*
- Year of completion
- Exact running time (do not count color bars, black, etc.)
- Entry Fee

Juried festival with three laurel awards:

- Best Women's Film
- Best Multi Cultural Film
- Best LGBTQIA Film

Accepted filmmakers will be notified by December 8, 2023 and must provide a Quicktime H.264 file at the original dimensions, up to 1920px x 1080px, by December 22, 2023.

Entry Fees & Deadlines:

- Entry fee for submissions received by August 31, 2023 is free for SPE members.
- Fee for submissions received by July 31 is \$10.
- Fee for submissions received August 1 – September 12 is \$15.
- Fee for submissions received September 13 – October 13 is \$25.
- Notification date is December 8, 2023.
- File due date is December 22, 2023.
- Festival date is March 22 – 23, 2024