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Local high school filmmakers vie for prizes

SIMCOE -- High school filmmakers in Brant, Haldimand and Norfolk will have three more chances to win at the fifth annual Holy Trinity Film Festival with new honorable-mention prizes of \$75 each.

The deadline to submit student-created films is May 14. Judging and screening of the two-to-five minute films will take place May 28, at 6:30 p.m., at Holy Trinity Catholic High School in Simcoe.

“Every year we receive so many outstanding films from students. These honorable mention prizes will give the panel of judges more flexibility in recognizing quality work,” said Caroline Freibauer, a teacher at Holy Trinity and organizer of the student filmmakers’ competition.

This is the second year in a row that the festival has added to the number of prizes available to those who submit films. Last year, a \$100 People’s Choice Award was introduced, making it possible for the audience to vote for its favourite entry.

More than \$1,000 in prize money will be awarded by a community-based panel of judges. Students can win \$500 for first, \$300 for second and \$100 for third place. In addition, there is a \$100 prize for the top film with a Christian theme.

Last year’s festival drew about 30 entries created by groups and individuals from public and Catholic schools throughout the area. This year’s festival is open exclusively to high school students.

“We are hoping to encourage more high schools to participate this year,” said Freibauer. “It’s a great opportunity for young people interested in film. They get to see their film on a big screen, receive a professional adjudication and can win substantial prizes.”

For more information about registration and judging criteria, check out the film festival website at <http://filmfestival.trinitycatholic.ca>

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