

STRATFEST@HOME

INTRODUCTION:

Welcome to our 2023 STRATFEST@HOME Film Festival, presented by The Meighen Forum! We invite you to participate in the Young Filmmakers' Showcase. Selected films will be screened live at Lazaridis Hall in the new Tom Patterson Theatre on July 15th 2023. Filmmakers will have the opportunity to hear from industry experts and receive special recognition for their work. All selected filmmakers will receive two free tickets to the event and will have the opportunity to stream their film on STRATFEST@HOME!

THE CHALLENGE: A response to Schulich Children's Plays *A Wrinkle in Time*

Theatre and Film have an interrelated relationship by portraying stories through visual and performing arts. Both help us to understand different perspectives through shared experiences.

We hope you have the opportunity to experience the Stratford Festival's production of [Schulich Children's Plays *A Wrinkle in Time*](#) with your friends, family or class! We encourage you to submit a film inspired by a feeling you had during the play. If you haven't seen the play, you are still welcome to take part; continue reading for a special message from the director to help inspire your submission.

You may submit a script or create a short film recorded on a smart phone, tablet, or camera – whatever you have at your disposal. It can be a narrative or documentary film, live-action or animation. It can be a music video or experimental film – whatever moves you.

Here is a special message to you from the director and adapting playwright, Thomas Morgan Jones:

"Love is a major and central theme to the entire show. *A Wrinkle in Time* is an adaptation of a book by Madeleine L'Engle, and she had this amazing quote that I heard her say in an interview once where she said, '**We don't plan the terrible things, we just try to love through them.**' For me, that's what *A Wrinkle in Time* is about at its core. How we give love, how we accept love, and how in order to do either of those things, ***we need to be empowered in our own voice and love ourselves.***"

Get inspired to create by watching the special [video with Thomas Morgan Jones](#)

Royalty Free Music

It is important when creating your film to only include materials that you have created yourself or have sourced from a royalty free library, such as [Pixabay](#) or [Royalty Free Music Youtube Channel](#). You may also use any music or visuals from [this folder](#), which is a collection of materials we have gathered for you!

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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

Deadline: Wednesday, July 5th at 8pm.

How to Submit: Please submit your film or script on this [submission form](#) or by emailing the form and video link to digital@stratfordfestival.ca

Theme: Your film can be about anything you wish! Whether or not you experienced Schulich Children's Plays *A Wrinkle in Time* live on our stage, we hope you will create a film responding to Madeleine L'Engle's quote: **"We don't plan the terrible things, we just try to love through them."**

The following rules must be observed:

1. The film must not exceed five (5) minutes in length.
2. The film must only contain original or royalty free music and must not contain any copyrighted music or materials. See note above about [Royalty Free Music](#). You are welcome to use music from [our collection here!](#)
3. The film must not include any profanity, offensive visuals/audio, nudity, weapons, or unauthorized individuals (all actors or on-screen persons must give you written permission to appear in your film).
4. The film must be submitted via submission form. If you are under 16 years of age, a legal parent or guardian will be contacted to confirm approval.
5. If any of the above is not followed, your film will automatically be removed from consideration as a finalist for screening at the Young Filmmakers' Showcase.

You may submit a film independently or in pairs/small groups.

If you do not have access to a device or camera, please feel free to write a script instead, and if selected as a finalist, it will be read live by professional actors at the Young Filmmakers' Showcase on July 15th, 2023.

Contact: If at any time during this process you have questions or need assistance, please email digital@stratfordfestival.ca with the email subject: Young Filmmakers' Showcase and a team member will get back to you shortly.

Now grab your smart phone, tablet, or camera and film your story!

Thank you for sharing your stories and perspectives.

All the best,
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