

Rules & Regulations

Friends of the Earth's One-minute film competition 2008

1. INTRODUCTION

- Friends of the Earth is working closely with Filminute, the international one-minute film festival and competition, to jointly promote and encourage as many filmmakers, animators, web developers, writers, creative directors, and producers as possible to submit one-minute films.
- Friends of the Earth and Filminute are holding separate, but parallel film competitions.
- Entries* will automatically be considered by *both* Friends of the Earth and Filminute.

**Please note we will only consider films which have been produced at broadcast quality.*

2. KEY DATES

- The competition opens 11 June 2008
- Submissions close at midnight 29 August 2008 (Pacific Standard Time PST)
- Festival Month, including final jury selection and public voting, will take place from 1 September – 30 September 2008
- Friends of the Earth and Filminute Awards will be announced in October 2008

3. ELIGIBILITY

- The Friends of the Earth section of the Filminute 2008 contest is open to all persons capable of creating a quality one-minute film based on the creative proposition – *Which bit of the Earth are you a friend of*
- Employees of Friends of the Earth, and their respective affiliates, parents and the immediate family members and/or those living in the same household of each such employee are not eligible to win this section of the Filminute 2008 Festival.

4. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All films must meet the following requirements and specifications to be eligible:

1. Films must be 60 seconds in total running time, including titles and credits.
2. Films must be based around the creative proposition *Which bit of the Earth are you a Friend of?*
3. Films must be available in broadcast quality.
4. Films must include the following screen as the final or penultimate shot, appearing for at least one second:
<http://www.foe.co.uk/oneminute/images/endscreen.jpg>
5. Non-English language works must include English subtitles

6. Contributors must be the sole author(s).
7. Friends of the Earth will reserve the right to refuse any entry to its competition, at its own discretion. Submitted material must not contain obscene, unlawful or objectionable material.
8. The film must not, in the sole and unfettered discretion of Friends of the Earth, contain any sexually explicit, disparaging, libellous or other inappropriate content.
9. Content created to promote any product or service (e.g television commercials) will not be accepted.
10. Films accepted to a prior Filminute festival shortlist are not eligible for Filminute 2008.
11. By entering, filmmakers agree to Friends of the Earth showcasing their films during and after the competition.
12. Any films accepted for the final jury voting must be submitted no later than midnight (BST) on August 29 2008.

5. ENTRY PROCESS

Complete the following steps to register and submit your film:

1. Visit www.foe.co.uk/oneminute for guidance before you start.
2. Download our end screen and make it the final or penultimate shot in your film: <http://www.foe.co.uk/oneminute/images/endscreen.jpg>
3. Make a DVD of your film and post it to:
One-minute film competition
Friends of the Earth
26-28 Underwood Street
London
N1 7JQ
4. Upload your film to YouTube. In the Description box, include the text:

This film is an entry to Friends of the Earth's one-minute film competition 2008. Want to show us which bit of the Earth you're a Friend of? Go to www.foe.co.uk/oneminute
5. Complete our online entry form (<http://www.foe.co.uk/oneminute/entering.html>) with your contact details and the YouTube link to your film
6. When you complete our online entry form you will be required to click where indicated to signify that you:
 - accept these rules and Filminute's official rules
 - have obtained all necessary Clearances (as hereinafter defined) prior to submitting your film
 - have included the Friends of the Earth end screen
 - agree to send/have already sent a DVD of your film to Friends of the Earth by post
 - agree that by entering you give permission to Friends of the Earth to screen your film at events and online during and following the competition period

In the event that more than one person or group has participated in the production of a film submitted for entry, the film will be deemed entered by the person or group whose name is submitted through the registration process. If the film is selected as the winner in its category, the prize will be awarded to that individual or group only. If the same film is submitted by more than one entrant, the first entrant to have

completed the registration process and uploaded the film will be deemed the entrant of that film. You may submit more than one film in accordance with the entry process, but you cannot submit the same film more than once.

6. SHORTLISTING, VOTING, RATING & JUDGING

PUBLIC VOTING AND RATING PHASE

All one-minute film entries will be available for public on www.youtube.com/friendsoftheearth

Through www.foe.co.uk, the public will be able to vote for their favourite film between 1 September and 30 September 2007.

The film with the most public votes will win Friends of the Earth's People's Choice Award.

There will be a limit of one vote per person and per e-mail address during the Competition Period. Votes generated by script, macro or other automated means or any other means intended to impact the integrity of the voting process are void. The entry with the most votes from the public will be honoured with the audience award.

SHORTLISTING

An internal Friends of the Earth selection committee will shortlist 10 films.

JURY VOTING

Shortlisted films will be judged by professionals from film, media, arts and entertainment industries who will join Friends of the Earth's Executive Director to review and award the best one-minute film.

Friends of the Earth reserves the right to select fewer than 10 films for the shortlist if, in its sole discretion, it does not receive a sufficient number of eligible and qualified entries.

All potential winners will be notified by email during October 2008.

7. IF YOUR WORK IS SELECTED

If your one-minute film is shortlisted or selected by Friends of the Earth, we may get in touch to request film stills, a director photo and 100 word biography, and interviews with the director or production team

Please note that by entering, filmmakers grant Friends of the Earth the rights to use footage, stills and/or titles, and information from the film for promotional purposes for a mutually agreed period.

Friends of the Earth will seek to identify additional platforms to promote participating one-minute films beyond the Filminute Festival.

8. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

Email oneminute@foe.co.uk

9. THIRD PARTY RIGHTS & CLEARANCES

All one-minute films must be the original work of the entrant and must not infringe upon the copyrights, trademarks, rights of privacy, publicity or other intellectual property or other rights of any person or entity. If the film contains any material or elements that are not owned by the entrant and/or which are subject to the rights of third parties, the entrant is responsible for obtaining, prior to the submission of the film, any and all releases and consents necessary to permit use and exploitation of the film by Friends of the Earth in the manner set forth in the Official Rules without additional compensation, including, without limitation, location releases for footage shot at any location; name, voice and likeness releases for any person whose name, voice and/or likeness appears in the film (other than the entrant); releases for the use of any props, set dressings and other materials used in the film; releases from any individuals participating in the production of the film and releases for any other audio and/or audio-visual materials not wholly owned by entrant, which, in each case, are used in the film (collectively the "Clearances"). If any person(s) appearing in any film is (are) under the age of majority in their state of residence, the signature of a parent or legal guardian is required with each release. All signatures must be original.

10. SPONSOR'S RIGHTS TO DISQUALIFY

At any time during the competition, Friends of the Earth reserves the right, in its sole and unfettered discretion, to disqualify and remove any film that potentially or actually infringes any third party's copyright(s). At any time during the Competition, Friends of the Earth reserves the right, in its sole and unfettered discretion, to disqualify and remove any film that it believes does not fall within the entry requirements in these Official Rules. Friends of the Earth reserves the right, in its sole and unfettered discretion, to verify at anytime during the Competition that all necessary Clearances relating to any film have been obtained. If Friends of the Earth believes, in its sole and unfettered discretion, that an entrant has failed to obtain any of the necessary Clearances relating to the entrant's film, the entrant's film will be disqualified and removed.

11. ENTRANT PERMISSIONS

1. By participating in this Competition, entrants agree that both during the Competition Period and following its completion, Friends of the Earth is authorized to display the films on Friends of the Earth website, on any and all other media in connection with the Competition and at events to promote wider awareness of green issues.
2. By participating in the Competition, entrants grant permission to Friends of the Earth to use their names, likenesses, photographs, voices, sounds and/or biographical information and films in connection with the Competition and for any and all advertising, publicity and promotional purposes relating to the Competition without additional compensation, unless prohibited bylaw.
3. As a condition of entering your film, you will be required to sign a Release Agreement Form granting Friends of the Earth: i) the right to display your film, in whole or in part, on the Friends of the Earth website and/or on any websites owned or operated by or on behalf of Friends of the Earth or any of its related or affiliated companies, and on any website owned or operated by

or on behalf of Friends of the Earth; ii) the right to use your film to create trailers, either for individual films or as a collection of films; and/or (iii) the right to use your film at events to promote wider awareness of green issues during and following the Competition Period.

13. INTERNET

Friends of the Earth is not responsible for technical failures of any kind or any problems or delays arising from any technical, software or equipment malfunctions, computer viruses, congestion or unavailability of the Screening Room or the Registration Site during the Contest Period, any other technical, equipment or human errors of any kind, or any damage or alteration to your film that may occur in connection with the uploading or display of the film. If Friends of the Earth determines in its sole discretion that there is any suspected or actual evidence of electronic or non-electronic tampering or fraud relating to any portion of the Contest, or if technical difficulties compromise the integrity of the Contest, Friends of the Earth reserves the right to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the Contest, in whole or in part, at any time without notice. Friends of the Earth is not liable for any failure to screen one-minute films at any venue if that failure is due to circumstances beyond its control.

14. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

By entering into this Contest, entrants hereby release and discharge Friends of the Earth and Filminute and their respective affiliates, subsidiaries, assigns, agents, representatives, independent contractors, officers, employees and directors from and against any and all claims, liabilities, costs, damages and expenses of any kind arising out of or relating to their participation in this Contest, their use or acceptance of any prize, the use by Friends of the Earth and Filminute of any films submitted by entrants and/or any actions or decisions of Friends of the Earth and Filminute in connection with the conduct and administration of this Contest. Entrants hereby waive any right to seek injunctive or other equitable relief in connection with any claim against Friends of the Earth and Filminute, any of the Co-Sponsors, or any of their respective affiliates, subsidiaries, assigns, agents, representatives, independent contractors, officers, employees and directors.

15. MISCELLANEOUS

The Competition is governed and subject to the laws of the United Kingdom. The decisions of Friends of the Earth and Filminute are final and binding in all matters relating to this Contest.

Friends of the Earth will be entitled to terminate, suspend or modify either its one-minute Film Competition or the related rules and regulations at any time.