



**Teaneck International Film Festival 2017 – November 2-5**

## **Smart Phone Film Contest**

**CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!**

Now in its 12<sup>th</sup> year, the Teaneck International Film Festival, a project of the Puffin Foundation, makes controversial topics part of everyday conversation by addressing racism, oppression, bullying, the environment, the LGBTQ community, women's concerns, immigration, voting rights – showing movies about the person whose story is not often told.

This year, TIFF, in partnership with the Teaneck Board of Education and Age-Friendly Teaneck, is sponsoring a **“Smart Phone Film Contest”** for all high school students who live in Teaneck. **Submissions must be entered by July 18. First Prize: \$150, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$75, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: \$50**

The rules for submissions are as follows:

- Must be an ORIGINAL documentary piece, 3-5 minutes long, filmed on a smart phone (more than one entry may be submitted)
- Must have been completed by a 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade Teaneck resident (from any high school)
- The focus should be on an interview with an older Teaneck resident (living here now or having lived here) with something to share about a unique Teaneck moment, memory, or place. A list of people willing to be interviewed will be emailed to participants or may be picked up at the Forum office in Teaneck High School. (Students have the option to choose someone who is not on the list.)
- To submit a piece, students must *first* send their name / school / grade / email address /phone number to [tiff@teaneckfilmfestival.org](mailto:tiff@teaneckfilmfestival.org). Finished projects must be uploaded to Youtube.com with a link mailed to [tiff@teaneckfilmfestival.org](mailto:tiff@teaneckfilmfestival.org) by July 18, 2017.
- Contacts are Yvonne Witter at THS Forum – [ywitter@teaneckschools.org](mailto:ywitter@teaneckschools.org) and Jason Guzman – [jasonguz201@gmail.com](mailto:jasonguz201@gmail.com)

**THE EXCITING FINISH??** The three top winners will have their films paired and shown with others in the 2017 TIFF, and will be invited to all TIFF events. Other entries may be in a special program of student shorts. All participants will be invited to attend a special workshop with acclaimed documentary filmmaker Deborah Riley Draper, who presented her highly touted project Olympic Pride, American Prejudice at last year's festival.

**Become a filmmaker! Enter the contest today!**

