

## **BLOBFEST 2009 SHORTY'S AMATEUR SHORT FILM CONTEST**

The Shorty's Contest is our way of paying homage to the late, great Shorty Yeaworth, Jr., director of **The Blob**. This year is our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual contest and the films just keep getting better and better! To enter the contest just round up some willing victims, er friends and neighbors, and make a short film that is centered on **The Blob** and/or **BlobFest**.

Entries must be family friendly, under five minutes, and made by non-professional filmmakers – that's you! Entries must be submitted via YouTube no later than June 15. Entries will be sorted into age groups (13 and under, 14 -17, and 18 and older) and will be judged on creativity, originality, technical expertise and, of course, the all important watchability factor.

As the entries are received (and cleared for family friendliness) they will get posted on our Shorty's YouTube Channel (<http://www.youtube.com/frankshorts>) for all to see.

On July 1 the finalists will be embedded on our website (<http://www.thecolonialtheatre.com>) and the whole wide world will be able to vote on their favorite resulting in the Fan Favorite Award. Voting ends on July 8. The winners (of both the Fan Favorite Award and the Shorty Award) will be notified by us and should plan to attend BlobFest on Friday, July 10 so they can enjoy their work on the big screen, bask in the audience applause, and collect a Shorty!

Use your imaginations and have fun making your very own movie! The winning films in each age group will be shown at the **10<sup>th</sup> Annual BlobFest at The Colonial Theatre on July 10, 2009**.

**Don't know how to make a video?** No problem! Our contest sponsor, MiND TV, offers one-day workshops called "How to Make a 5-minute TV Program." Learn about concept development, video production, editing, and just about everything you need to know to bring your ideas to screen. The next workshop is scheduled for Sat, May 30 from 9:30 am – 4:00pm. Email Samantha Frazier at [SFrazier@mindtv.org](mailto:SFrazier@mindtv.org) to sign up. The workshop is FREE for MiND TV members and membership costs only \$75. That's an amazing deal!

### **RULES & SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Deadline for submissions is June 15, 2009.
- Films must be family friendly.
- Films must be under 5 minutes.
- All entries MUST be submitted via YouTube. After you upload your video to YouTube, email the link to your video to [blobfestshortys@thecolonialtheatre.com](mailto:blobfestshortys@thecolonialtheatre.com). In your email, please include your name, age, and contact info. We must receive your email with a link to your video by 12 midnight on June 15, 2009.
- Entries will be posted to our Shorty's YouTube Channel (<http://www.youtube.com/frankshorts>) as they are received.
- Our judges will choose the finalists and embed those videos on The Colonial's website (<http://www.thecolonialtheatre.com>) by July 1.
- Audience voting for the Fan Favorite Award will be open from July 1 – 8.
- Winners will be notified on July 9 and will be expected to be at BlobFest on Friday, July 10 for the presentation of their Shorty.
- Winning films will be screened on Friday, July 10 during the Friday Night Re-Enactment Revelry stage show. Tickets for this event are \$5 per person and will be available for advance purchase on June 1.