

Call for Entries: Cinema at Citygarden

The second edition of *Cinema at Citygarden* ó a co-presentation of Cinema St. Louis (CSL) and Gateway Foundation ó invites St. Louis-area filmmakers to let their imaginations blossom by creating short works that incorporate *Nature* as a key element.

This juried competition will award cash prizes ó \$1,500 for first place, \$1,000 for second place, and \$500 for third place ó to the top three entries. The winning shorts will then be featured as part of a looped program that will screen on Citygarden's video wall starting Friday, May 25. In addition to the three cash-prize winners, up to seven other works will be chosen to be part of the video-wall program during the summer of 2012.

A three-person jury comprising a filmmaker, film scholar, and film critic will select the video-wall program, including both the three cash-prize winners and the additional films. Jury members will be announced on CSL's Web site.

Cinema St. Louis will also screen the video-wall program ó as well as additional *Cinema at Citygarden* competition entries chosen by CSL ó as part of the St. Louis Filmmakers Showcase, held in August 2012. Those films will then be eligible for consideration by the St. Louis International Film Festival, held Nov. 8-18, 2012.

The cash-prize winners and additional works in the video-wall program will be announced on Friday, May 25.

Citygarden Info

Opened July 1, 2009, Citygarden is an oasis in the heart of St. Louis's downtown: a vibrant and serene blending of lush plantings and internationally renowned sculpture with delights of water, stone, architecture and design. Surrounded by no fences or gates, and with no admission fee, Citygarden is completely open and accessible to the public 365 days a year. Citygarden is located on 2.9 acres between Eighth and 10th and Market and Chestnut streets.

Highlights of Citygarden include 24 pieces of sculpture by internationally renowned artists, including Fernand Leger, Mark di Suvero, Keith Haring, Martin Puryear, Jim Dine, Tony Smith, and Aristide Maillol; spectacular landscaping inspired by the area's great rivers; and three water features (a 180-foot rectangular pool with a 6-foot waterfall at its mid-point, a state-of-the-art spray plaza, and a 34-foot-diameter tilted granite disc partly covered by a scrim of water).

The state-of-the-art video wall, on which the competition works will play, is set within a breathtaking limestone wall that arcs across two blocks.

For more information about Citygarden, visit www.citygardenstl.org.

Contest Details

St. Louis-area filmmakers interested in participating must submit shorts that meet the following criteria:

- Feature *Nature* as an important aspect of the work.
- Run a maximum of 5 minutes (no minimum running time).
- Contain no profane language or offensive imagery; if CSL and Gateway Foundation deem a work inappropriate for viewing by audiences of all ages, it will be eliminated from consideration.
- Include sound (e.g., dialogue, ambient sound, effects, and/or music).

All conceivable approaches including experimental, narrative, animated, and documentary are acceptable. The shorts can be shot in any film or video format, in either color or black-and-white.

In addition, the following conditions apply:

- Filmmakers must have secured rights to any music, words, or images used in the work.
- Filmmakers will retain ownership rights to submitted works, but by submitting a short to the competition, a filmmaker grants Gateway Foundation the right to screen the work in perpetuity on Citygarden's video wall and on Citygarden's Web site. Submission of a short does not guarantee its use.
- Filmmakers must live within a 120-mile radius of St. Louis.

All films must be submitted on DVD. No entry fee is required. Submission deadline is April 2, 2012.

For more info, call Cinema St. Louis at 314-289-4150 or visit www.cinemastlouis.org.

Send DVD and entry form to: Cinema St. Louis, Attention: *Cinema at Citygarden*, Centene Center for Arts & Education, 3547 Olive St., St. Louis, MO 63103-1000.

***Cinema at Citygarden* Entry Form**

Filmmaker Name _____

Address _____

City, State ZIP _____

Phone Number _____

E-Mail Address _____

Film Title _____

Running Time _____

Brief Description _____
