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The Colony Theatre is sponsoring the 2nd Annual Colony Film Festival November 16 and 17 in Marietta, Ohio. Films will be screened at the Mid Ohio Valley Players Theatre and the Marietta Brewing Company. The schedule is still tentative until all films have been selected, but general entries will be screened at the MOVP Friday evening, Saturday afternoon and Saturday evening. Local submissions will be screened at the Marietta Brewing Company Saturday evening. Tickets will be \$5 for local submissions at the Brewery, \$10 for Friday or Saturday at the MOVP and \$15 for an all weekend pass.

Formerly the River City Film Festival, the event is a showcase for independent films from all over the country. In its inaugural year, thirty submissions were received and seventeen films were screened over two days. This year's featured speaker will be Jean Andrews of Athens, Ohio. Ms Andrews will screen her film, "A Forest Returns", a documentary featuring the Depression era reporter, Ora Anderson, who chronicled the landscape restoration programs that created the Wayne National Forest. She will speak on its production and take questions from the audience. As a special feature this year, a separate environmental film festival sponsored by Patagonia with the support of Ohio Citizen Action and Neighbors for Clean Air will be screened at Marietta College's McDonough Center in between the two Saturday Colony Filmfest sessions.

General Colony Filmfest entries will be submitted in two divisions: one for students and one for non-students (both amateur and professional). The categories of films submitted in each division are:

- full length (over 45 minutes -Because of time limitations, the committee will be very selective in screening full-length film)
- short films
- documentary and drama.

This year we are adding two new components to the festival.

1. *Screenings of Local Films* In an effort to help promote local film production we will have a separate screening of any film (within reason) produced in our region (roughly within 50 miles of Marietta). These films will be screened in the Marietta Brewing Company's new addition next door.
2. *48 Hour Student Film Competition* Regional colleges have been invited to bring a team of filmmakers to compete in Marietta on Saturday and Sunday, November 10 and 11. Students will have the weekend (roughly 48 hours to film and edit) their entry. The film entries will then be shown as part of a special contest screening the weekend of the film festival (November 16 and 17).

We are still encouraging submissions. A \$25 entry fee for each individual and college team submission is due by 5:30 PM November 2, 2007. Complete festival details are located at www.rivercityfilmfestival.com and on the website of the Colony Theatre www.colonytheatre.com.

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