

### Short Film Category

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To register visit <http://imagine.thespoke.net> Registration opens October 7<sup>th</sup> 2004

If chosen the winners will be flown to Japan, Yokohama to the worldwide finals.

#### Prize Amounts

- First Place \$8,000 USD
- Second Place \$4,000 USD
- Third Place \$3,000 USD

The Short Film Invitational highlights the art and science of telling a story. Students are challenged to share a perspective on the boundaries between us, and to engage in the creative process by working from abstract, to storyboard, to final product.

#### General Guidelines

- Teams of 3-4 individuals
- Share a perspective on “(dissolving) the boundaries between us”
- Film concept can be modified between rounds – passing through the first round qualifies the storyteller, not just the story
- Up to 30 teams move on to second round
- 6 teams advance to Japan

#### Deliverables

- Round 1 Abstract, storyboard
- Round 2 Film, film description

#### Required Elements

- Round 1: Abstract must be less than 500 words, in English. Storyboard must be less than 25 MB, in Microsoft PowerPoint
- Round 2: Film must be Windows Media Playable, less than 150 MB zipped

## Judging Elements

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Round 1: Review of Abstract/storyboard

- 50% Story idea (through abstract and storyboard)
- 50% Expressiveness/Artistry (storyboard)

Round 2: Review of films; selection of worldwide finalists

- 50% Story
- 50% Technique

Round 3: Selection of prize winners

- 60% Score from round 2
- 40% On site documentary film project

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