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**SAN FRANCISCO DANCE FILM FESTIVAL
ANNOUNCES CALL FOR FESTIVAL SUBMISSIONS**

SAN FRANCISCO, February 21, 2014—The San Francisco Dance Film Festival (SFDF) is now accepting submissions for its fifth annual festival, November 6-9, 2014, at the Brava Theater Center.

The call is open for dance-based films, made within the last three years, of any dance style, genre or length. Categories are: dance documentary, live performance, and “screendance” (dance created specifically for the camera). The deadline for submissions is May 1, 2014. Notifications of acceptance will go out in July 2014. Submission fee is \$50 per film (\$35 for student entries) and includes a one-year membership to SFDF. To submit a film, see the instructions and online form at <http://sfdancefilmfest.org/festival-program/submissions2014/>. At the closing night of the festival, award certificates will be presented for the best overall film, the best in each category, the best student film, and an audience award.

In 2013, nearly 300 films were submitted and 70 were selected to be screened over the 4-day festival. Founder and Artistic Director Greta Schoenberg commented, “Our 2013 festival was a huge success, attracting international recognition. And local audiences were introduced to dance in new ways with works by new artists and veterans alike.” *The Huffington Post* praised last year’s event for its “inspired programming.”

The festival is the highlight of SFDF’s year-round activities that include filmmaking workshops, free screenings, educational outreach, special events and the annual Co-Laboratory program pairing local filmmakers and choreographers for three SFDF-commissioned films.

On February 21, 2014, SFDF received a 2014 Goldie Award from the *SF Bay Guardian*. Goldies (Guardian Outstanding Local Discovery) winners are selected by a group of *Bay Guardian* editors and contributors to award work that stands out for being provocative, influential, inspiring and even awe-inspiring. Greta Schoenberg stated, “We’re thrilled to be recognized by the *Bay Guardian’s* editors, writers and critics for being provocative or awe-inspiring. We encourage all lovers of dance and film to come and see for themselves this November.”

The San Francisco Dance Film Festival was established in 2010 to give the San Francisco Bay Area a much-needed platform for the presentation and further development of dance-based films. With collaborative support from the dance and film communities both local and global, SFDF has grown quickly, drawing participants from all over the world for a vibrant annual celebration of dance on camera.

For more information: www.sfdancefilmfest.org.