LATINO ART BEAT LAUNCHES
2015 NATIONAL “YOUTH SHORT FILM COMPETITION”
OFFERING $1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS TO COMPETITION WINNERS

LATINO ART BEAT, a national not-for profit 501(c)3 visual arts organization, which is in its 18th consecutive competition year, having awarded over $4 million in scholarship support to young visual artists - is proud to offer this challenging short film competition to young filmmakers anywhere in the USA. All filmworks must be 15 minutes or less and contain original score (or music in the public domain.) All submitted films should have been made no later than January 2014. Entrants must be currently enrolled in a high school or college and be under 21 years of age. The national competition deadline for this milestone film competition is May 25, 2015.

Latino Art Beat has had successful partnerships with the Miami Short Film Festival, the Chicago Latino Film Festival and the HollyShorts Film Festival, Los Angeles. Last year’s Latino Art Beat “Youth Short Film Competition” was held in collaboration with the HollyShorts Film Festival and 10 select runner-up films were selected. The 2014 film competition winners, Adam and Daniel Cooper from Detroit, MI won 1st Place and their winning film “The Fourth Wall” was screened along with 9 of the runner-up films at the world famous TCL Chinese Theatre in Hollywood, CA. Latino Art Beat has held various screenings around the USA of “The Fourth Wall” showcasing the talent of these upcoming young film directors.

WHO MAY ENTER:

High school juniors, seniors and college students (under 21 years old) are invited to submit a short original film. Latino students may choose the category theme of “My Life”.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING “YOUTH SHORT FILM COMPETITION” ENTRIES:

1. **Original DVD’s** are accepted, or a link with the corresponding password to films uploaded to social media via YouTube, Vimeo, Dropbox, WeTransfer, etc.

2. Please save your **original film format** as a DVD (Blu Ray) as it may be required should your film entry be selected as one of the winners.

3. A **still photograph** from your film entry will be required from all winners.

4. All film **entries** must be labeled both on the DVD (in black marker pen) and on the jewel-box with the film’s title, student directors’ name, the name of the school or college and the exact RUNNING TIME (i.e. 5 minutes: 04 seconds) **in addition** to having the official Latino Art Beat “Art Competition Entry Form” completed and attached.

5. **STRICTLY 15 minutes** or less running-time (including titles and credits.)
6. All DVD entries are to be sent directly by your high school or college visual arts / film / video teacher clearly labeled “2015 Latino Art Beat Youth Short Film Competition”. Such entries shall be forwarded on to Latino Art Beat in Chicago for national judging.

7. **College students or high school students submitting from cities** other than those participating with Latino Art Beat may send their original DVD film entries or electronic links via YouTube, Vimeo, Dropbox, WeTransfer, etc. along with the ‘password’ directly to Latino Art Beat along with the appropriate “Film Competition Entry Form” (available on the Latino Art Beat website.)

**DEADLINE**

The deadline for receipt of ALL film entries is **May 25, 2015**. Winners will be announced during June 2015 and an awards ceremony will be held honoring the winners in September 2015 during National Hispanic Heritage Month. The date and venue of the awards ceremony will be announced via national media.

**ABOUT**

**LATINO ART BEAT** is a national not-for profit 501(c) 3 arts organization which recognizes heritage and culture through the talents of young visual artists and is in its 18th consecutive program year. It operates through the Mayor’s Office and regional Departments of Education in participating cities. An annual visual arts competition is offered at the end of each academic year. Additionally, Latino Art Beat has a film component, as part of its annual visual arts competition in which students can submit their short film entries for screening consideration and for scholarship support. Visit: [www.latinoartbeat.com](http://www.latinoartbeat.com) or email latinoartbeat@hotmail.com.

**SPORTAMY**, which provides a social media platform for anyone with an interest in any sport, at any level, to be able to express themselves and their interests and skills to their friends, family, colleagues, teammates, coaches, recruiters, scouts and the media has joined forces with national not-for profit, Latino Art Beat, SPORTAMY’s ‘Charity of Choice’, in offering an opportunity at **scholarship support** to high school and early college age students through a dedicated sports essay competition. This essay competition will allow sports minded youth an opportunity to express their personal interests or experiences in sports. The best entries will be selected for scholarship consideration to encourage higher education. In addition to scholarship consideration all winners will be honored at a public venue in the fall of 2015 and the winning essays will be published in print and via social media. Visit: [www.sportamy.com](http://www.sportamy.com) or email support@sportamy.zendesk.com.