



INSPIRED
DANCE
YOUTH
FILM FESTIVAL

Student
Submission Guide



Be Creative!

Inspired Dance Youth Film Festival places no restrictions on your creativity. How you want to tell or express your dance film is only limited by your imagination. Whether it be a concept video, artistic contemporary work, a dance that reflects your experiences..., it is all welcome. Use the resources you have around you, find a venue, shoot outdoors, add some beautiful lighting, whatever suits your film and inspires you. If you have access to a great filmmaker, it is a wonderful opportunity to work together and collaborate on your project.

This is a great chance for you to express your love and passion of dance, and create your own film. Right now, creating a dance film has never been easier. There are a lot of resources out there on how to create a cinematic film, even on your mobile phone.

The sky's the limit when it comes to creativity so have fun, and keep the end goal in mind when choosing shots and creating choreography.

**Remember that you have a 5 minute time limit including title and credits.*

Be Mindful of Music Rights!

Music rights can be tricky but there is some great rights-free music available. YouTube Music Library has a large section of music that is completely free.

Most schools have an APRA licence to cover music used throughout the school's programs, videos and performances. If the school has the video recording package in their APRA licence you can use any music for your film to submit to the film festival.

If you want to use music that is not rights free (most popular music), and your school doesn't have the appropriate licence, you may have to seek permission to use your music choice. This does not necessarily incur a cost as you are not using it for commercial purposes but there is a process required to secure the rights. This [FACT SHEET](#) from Music Rights Australia is a helpful resource with contact information at the bottom.

**We do not require proof unless there is a rights claim*

***Unfortunately we cannot seek music permission for you.*

***Inspired Dance Youth Film Festival covers the cost of presenting your film at the cinema should your film be selected.*

Start Filming!

Creating a dance video can be so much fun and doesn't need to be very complicated. If you know people with professional gear – go for it. No problem if not! With a few simple tricks you can create amazing videos on your mobile device. Here are a few things to remember..

- Make sure your camera lens is clean
- Always film in landscape
- Change camera settings to film at 24 frames per second (fps)
- Film in HD (4k or 1080)
- Try to find an interesting location to really enhance your idea and choreography
- Find your piece of music first and decide what shots you want to create to show off your dance moves
- Always take one wide shot of the whole routine, and then have some fun with different angles
- Click [HERE](#) to see a video on some really easy, in camera transitions to help you get from one sequence to the next
- There are great editing programs, like iMovie, that are easy to learn and fun to play with, that also have in-built transitions
- Make sure you give your film a title and some closing credits.
- Save uncompressed high-resolution version of your film (ProRes) for screening in the cinema and a compressed version (mov or mp4) for submission and digital presentation.

Above all else, HAVE FUN!!!!

Filming is always better with a friend so get your crew together and get creative!

How do I Submit My Film?

This is the easy part.

- ❑ Head to [FilmFreeway](#) or hit the Submit Now button on the Youth Film Festival page.
- ❑ Create a free account if you don't already have one.
- ❑ FilmFreeway will take you through the process from there to:
 - Upload a low-res version of your film
 - Fill out as much information as you can about the film (director, choreographer, concept...)
 - Add some production stills for us to use for marketing your film when we promote the festival.
 - From there, FilmFreeway will take you through the final stages and you're done! (Here is some great information from the [FilmFreeway Help Centre](#).)

Have fun creating and shooting your dance film, and please feel free to contact us if you need to go through anything.

We can't wait to see your creativity come to life!!!