

# Flicker Fest enters fourth year

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There will be two opportunities to catch the entire lineup of movies at the fourth annual **Flicker Fest** on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. This local filmmaker spotlight will bring an interesting and often edgy mix of largely experimental short films to a Spokane audience on Sunday afternoon, and then again that evening.

That's about as much as you're likely to find out about the movies, though, short of attending one of the screening sessions. There are really only two rules to speak of, as far as submissions are concerned: they must have been shot on film and they must be less than 15 minutes long. So, for those of you that are following along, you can expect a bunch of 8 and 16 mm short films on a variety of subjects from a variety of local artists.

Flicker Fest is held independently in a number of cities across the country, including New York, Austin and Cleveland – though rumor has it that Cleveland's 2006 festival was disappointing, comprised of only three bowling documentaries and one reality piece depicting a guy

eating a burrito.

Spokane's Flicker Fest, on the other hand, will see an assortment of outputs by local filmmakers, including movies with intriguing titles like *Bikini Blast Surf Out* and *I'm Sammy Hagar*, the latter of which probably doesn't involve a middle-aged burn-out's drunken search for "Mas Tequila," but we can all hope. Speaking of which, the bar across the hall from the auditorium will be serving beer and cocktails during the showings, as well as some food, so feel free and come thirsty and/or hungry.

This year's Flicker Fest will be held in the CenterStage auditorium on the second floor of their building at 1017 W. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. in downtown Spokane. The first set of screenings gets underway at 2 p.m., with an evening encore at 5. Cover for each session is \$5.

Also, be warned that these films are not rated and may involve any combination of adult themes, violence, nudity and possibly animal sacrifices. Actually, I made that last one up but, honestly, it wouldn't surprise me a bit. For more information on this burgeoning Spokane event, check out [www.flickerspokane.com](http://www.flickerspokane.com). ☺