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Hello from Reel Asian

September 15, 2008

Dear Grace,

We'd like to congratulate Helen Lee, Ann Marie Fleming, Samuel Chow, and Chris Chong Chan Fui on their films at TIFF this year!

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Reel Asian would like to thank our members for their generous support.

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Pitch Competition Submissions Due!



2007 Pitch Jury

This is a reminder to submit your pitches to us for the annual [Charles Street Video](#) Pitch Competition.

Two award categories for EMERGING and ESTABLISHED filmmakers. \$10,000* (emerging) and \$18,000* (established) worth of prizes. *Films can be dramatic, documentary or experimental (up to 30 mins in length) and must feature an Asian in a key creative role in front or behind the camera.

Click here to download the application form and details ([pdf](#)) ([ms-word](#))

Deadline: 4pm on Monday September 29th, 2008

*Estimated value at Industry rental rates

Attention High School Teachers!



The 2008 Festival Youth Programme is about more than just movies and popcorn! If you're a high school teacher, Reel Asian has an educational trip already planned for you. Our aim is to show film & video as powerful catalysts for change. We provide teachers with lesson plans and select film directors will be on hand to engage students through a Q&A

Check it out!





moderated by York University Professor of East Asian Studies Grace Shen.

And that's not all! Sign up early to access the NFB "Animate This" workshop where students

will get hands on animation instruction and get to make their own stop-motion films. Workshop space is limited so sign up soon! [Grab the details!](#)



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TSV Villain Program Submissions Due Tomorrow!



Reminder!! Get your nemesis into the spotlight with TSV. Trinity Square Video is accepting 5-9 minute submissions for their 2009 Villain program for only one more day.

[Click here for details.](#)

****Deadline September 16, 5pm****

Filmmaker Followup with Chris Chong Chan Fui

We were lucky enough to have a sit down with acclaimed filmmaker Chris Chong Chan Fui, writer/director of the new *BlockB*. We've got his candid thoughts on what it's like to win Best Canadian Short Film at TIFF and why you shouldn't go to film school!



[Check out the blog for the podcast!](#)

Images Festival Call for Submissions



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What to Do About Arts Cutbacks?



The current government's recently announced funding cuts to the arts have been on the minds of many lately. A townhall meeting September 3rd was organized by Heather Haynes and Izida Zorde of Fuse magazine to discuss this issue and to unite the arts community in their response to the Harper government and over \$45 million in cuts.

The reponse has been swift with the Canadian election looming. Darren O' Donnell and Greg Alstrand have formed the Department of Culture, whose mandate is to raise awareness on the cutback crisis, and more importantly to oust the Conservative government on October 14th.

[Check out the D.O.C website for more information.](#) They're also hiring!

Blog Redux



The new and improved [blog](#) is up and running again. We've got Chris Chong Chan Fui's interview and there's a lot more coming. The festival is quickly approaching and there's plenty going on here and in the wider world of Asian & Asian-Canadian filmmaking. Check back regularly for the latest news and updates!

Become a Member of Reel Asian

It is through public support and donations from individuals like you that we are able to continue to present an

annual Festival that exemplifies the range, diversity and richness of Asian film and video in all their forms.

All Members are entitled to receive a charitable tax receipt for the full amount of your donation. Your donation to Reel Asian is vital and your support will help Reel Asian bring unique and exciting films from the world of Asian cinema to audiences in Canada.

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