

Our Mission

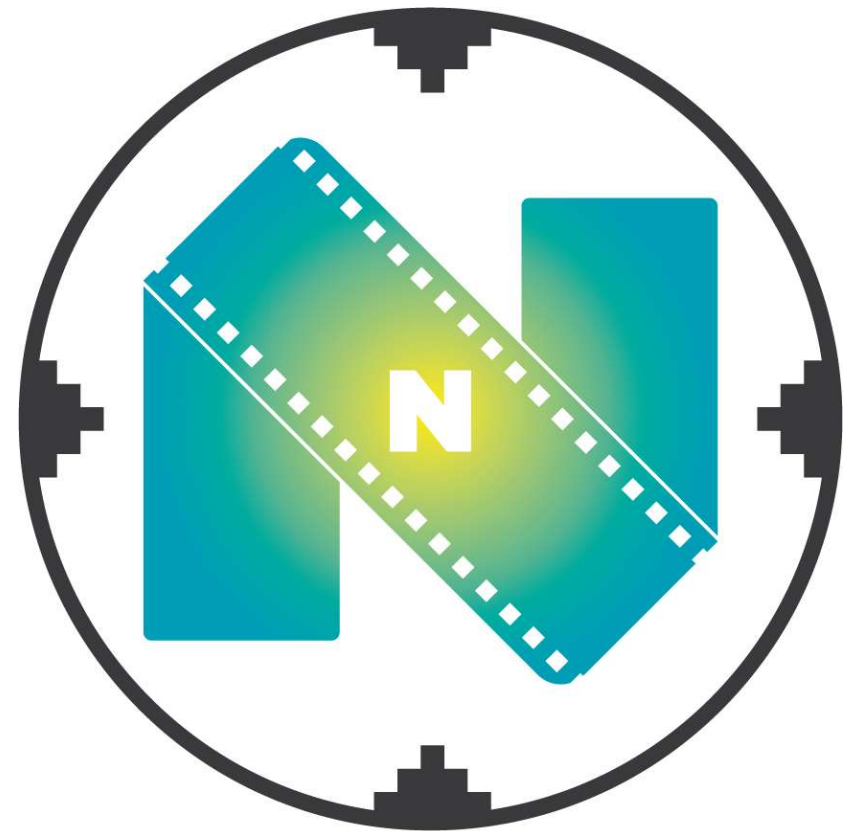
The Navajo Film Festival is a first-of-its-kind competition to celebrate short films produced entirely in the Navajo language. The goal of the competition is to increase interest in the Navajo language by encouraging filmmakers to use it in their work.

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Tacey M. Atsitty ✦ Natasha Kaye Hale

Kari Deswood ✦ Lorraine Manavi

Lehi Thunder Voice Eagle Sanchez ✦ Michael Lewis



NAVAJO FILM FESTIVAL

Master of Ceremonies

Tina Deschenie

Tina is Ta'neesahnii, born for Tó'aheedlíini, her cheii are the Tewa from First Mesa at Hopi in AZ, and her náli Bit'ahnii. She is a Navajo educator and writer. She is the former Associate Dean at Navajo Technical University, after which she went to lead Dream Diné Charter School, a school in Shiprock known for its Navajo language immersion program. Her work has been published in the New Mexico Magazine, Native Peoples, and NM Woman.

Judges

Arthur Allison

Art is Áshijhí (Salt Clan) born for Tl'ogi (Zia Clan). A longtime small business owner, he is the former Chairman of the Diné Development Corporation and he was the first Navajo to head New Mexico's Indian Affairs Department.

Loren Anthony

Loren is Naaneesht'ézhi, born for Ma'ii deeshgiizhnii. His maternal grandfather is Áshijhí, and his paternal grandfather is Tlááshchí'í. He's from Tó tsoozí. Loren is a working actor and can be seen soon in *Voice from an Unmarked Grave*. He has worked for eight years with the Juvenile Substance Abuse Crisis Center and is also the founder of community organizations, including Chizh for Cheii, Youth Warrior Camp, Iron Warriors, and Community Warrior Project.

Jay C. McCray

Jay is an attorney with the Navajo Nation Department of Justice. He is a member of the Áshijhí (Salt) and Honaghaanii (One who Walks Around) clans, originally from Breadsprings, New Mexico. When not working, he enjoys hiking, making silver jewelry, and riding his horse, Shiner.

INAUGURAL NAVAJO FILM FESTIVAL

Navajo Preparatory School
2:00 p.m., Saturday, June 23, 2018

Welcome and Introduction

Special Showing of *Amásání* by Stacy Howard

Festival Submission Screening

- ✦ *Love Story* by Faith Browning
- ✦ *Vision* by Keanu Jones
- ✦ *Déélgééd* by Elias Gold
- ✦ *Fish in Beauty* by Isaiah Crowfoot
- ✦ *Grandma, What Are You Doing?*
by Benford Beco Begay
- ✦ *Hunter* by Faith Toledo

Special Showing of *Shimásání* by Blackhorse Lowe

Presentation on Native Casting by Pyn Francisco

Live Performance by Our Last Chants

Award Ceremony

Adult	Youth	Audience Choice
1st Place: \$300	1st Place: \$150	\$50
2nd Place: \$200	2nd Place: \$100	
3rd Place: \$100	3rd Place: \$50	

Reception and Refreshments