



Dec. 6-12, 2009

Red Stick Festival Moves from Spring to Fall; Will Take Place Nov. 10-13, 2010

Red Stick International Animation Festival, the largest event of its kind in the United States, will change seasons for its sixth year, taking place Nov. 10-13, 2010, in downtown Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Red Stick staff made this announcement during Red Stick Reveillon, a free, French-themed holiday event the festival sponsored Sunday, Dec. 6 at the Manship Theatre in downtown Baton Rouge.

For the past five years, the festival took place in April to coincide with springtime weather and other cultural events. But, festival organizers realized this time frame did not work well for participating animation studios, filmmakers or distributors.

“After talking with animation professionals and previous festival guests, we realized our traditional dates are right in the spot where it becomes difficult for studios to participate. Their summer movies are not ready for advanced screenings, and their springtime features are already released,” said Red Stick International Animation Festival Director Stacey Simmons, Ph.D. “November puts us within a strategic window to preview Christmas films, which offers more value to the studios, filmmakers, and distributors who want to use Red Stick as a venue to build awareness of their upcoming features.”

The festival previously was scheduled to take place in spring 2010, and Red Stick began accepting submissions in eight categories for its “Best of the Fest” competition in September 2009. Originally scheduled to end Jan. 4, 2010, Red Stick now will accept submissions through June 1, 2010 for students, and through July 15 for other participants.

“Anyone who sent work for the 2010 Best of the Fest competition is still entered, and we are extending the submissions period so more people can participate,” said Red Stick International Animation Festival Host Stephen David Beck, Ph.D. “As in past years, we will screen the top films in each category and announce winners during the festival.”

Red Stick accepts work from students, amateurs or professionals for the Best of the Fest competition, and participants can enter in multiple categories. Details about the submission process are available at <http://redstickfestival.org/entries.asp>. The online submission application form will be available on the site beginning Jan. 11, 2010.

“Moving the festival dates is the first step in a strategic plan to continue growing Red Stick and developing it as one of the world’s premiere animation festivals,” Simmons said. “Our first five years were a tremendous success, and we expect to have another fantastic 10 years as we continue our work to make Baton Rouge the creative capital of the South.”

CCT sponsors Red Stick International Animation Festival in partnership with the Baton Rouge Area Chamber, Baton Rouge Area Foundation, East Baton Rouge Parish Mayor-President’s Office, Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism and Louisiana Economic Development.

Pats on the Back:

- The National Science Foundation asked Professor Thomas Sterling to participate in the first workshop of its HPC Task Force, which took place Dec. 3-5 in Arlington, Virginia. This task force is recommending strategies for ensuring U.S. computational sciences community sustainability through the end of the next decade and beyond.
- The International Society on General Relativity and Gravitation, a worldwide scholarly organization that promotes study and collaboration in relativity and astrophysics, has asked CCT Interim Director Jorge Pullin to run for president of the organization. The society nominates only two candidates to run for this international position.

CCT Welcomes:

- Shivangi Misra, who will be Professor Thomas Sterling's program manager.

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Lectures This Week:

- CCT Director candidate Bruce Allen will give a presentation outlining his research on Thursday, Dec. 10, at 10 a.m. in Johnston 338.

Please Note:

- This week is finals week, and it is the last week of class activity for the Fall 2009

semester. Please be aware student workers may have a limited schedule this week and during the upcoming holidays. If you have questions about student worker hours during the holidays, please contact Brittany Juneau at bjuneau@cct.lsu.edu.

- The last ALL CCT meeting for the Fall 2009 semester will take place next Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 3 p.m. in Johnston 338 unless otherwise announced. Please make every effort to attend!
- The LONI Institute (LI) is looking for Louisiana researchers to propose projects that involve the LI Computational Scientists. Please send your proposals (up to one page) requesting time from the LI computational scientists to manager@institute.loni.org, by Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2009. For more information and a link to the ongoing LI Projects, please visit <http://institute.loni.org/liprojects.php>.
- The CCT Director Search candidates: Arun Bansil, Michael Norman, Stephen David Beck and Bruce Allen -- will be visiting campus to give presentations and meet faculty, staff and students. To review CVs on the four candidates, please visit <http://www.cct.lsu.edu/CCTSearch>.
- Debra Waters is planning the annual CCT holiday lunch at Mike Anderson's for Tuesday, Dec. 15. Please let her know whether or not you plan to attend by e-mailing her at debra@cct.lsu.edu.
- This is a reminder about the CCT PS - 18 CCT Training and Conference Room Reservation Policy. Specifically note that 338 Johnston is not to be used for LSU Academic Classes.
- Please remember to send your news concerning grants, awards, conferences, or other pertinent information that should be communicated to CCT to PR Manager Kristen Sunde at ksunde@cct.lsu.edu.
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