



## 2026 48-HOUR FILM CHALLENGE

UPON ENTERING THIS CHALLENGE, YOU AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING RULES:

1. **LIABILITY:** Filmmaker assumes ALL liability and responsibility while producing their film.
2. **HFC MEMBER REQUIREMENT:** The filmmaker submitting the film (usually the director, producer, and/or writer), must be a current HFC member. Not all teammates must be HFC members.
3. **IN-STATE REQUIREMENT:** Film must be produced and filmed in Hawai'i.
4. **LENGTH & CREDITS:** Film must not exceed 5 minutes including credits. Film title & filmmaker name(s) must be placed at beginning or end of film.
5. **CONTENT:** This is a family friendly challenge. No extreme violence, gratuitous sex, hurting/killing of animals, etc. We reserve the right to screen films for appropriate content. THINK PG-13!
6. **CREATIVE PROCESS:** All creative work for the film must take place during the official 48-hour time period. Any creative work in advance of the competition weekend is prohibited. Creative work includes, but is not limited to: Writing the Script, Rehearsing, Costume/Set Design, Shooting, Editing, Sound Design/Soundtrack, Creating Animations, Rendering, etc.
7. **PERMITTED PREPARATION:** The only work to begin prior to the 48-hours: Organizing equipment and teams, as well as creating your VIMEO/DROPBOX/GOOGLE DRIVE Account (best to do this ahead of time).
8. **ALLOWED FOOTAGE:** All footage must be shot within the 48-hour time period of the film challenge. Animation and special effects are permitted, but must be created during the 48-hour time period. Still photographs are permitted, provided the filmmaker has rights to them. Still photographs do not need to be taken during the 48-hour time period. Stock/Purchased footage is NOT permitted, as all footage must be shot within the 48-hour time period. Music may be pre-recorded, but may only be used if the filmmaker has the distribution rights to that music.
9. **REQUIRED THEME & PROP(S):** Required Theme, Props, and Line of Dialogue will be posted on HFC's Facebook, Instagram, and Website on Friday, April 10th, 2026 at 4:00 PM.
10. **SAG-AFTRA/UNION TALENT** - It is the filmmaker's responsibility to complete a SAG-AFTRA online micro-budget agreement if SAG-AFTRA talent will appear on screen. Application: <https://sagaftra.jotform.com/202966333409054>
11. **IMPORTANT NEW RULE:** You must include our Mandatory Crew & Talent Release (see Page 2) signed by EVERYONE INVOLVED.

**HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR FILM:** Final projects must be submitted by: **Sunday, April 12th, 2026 at 4:00 PM SHARP.** Submit your DOWNLOADABLE, UNLISTED or PASSWORD-PROTECTED VIDEO links (Vimeo/Google drive) with the **SUBMISSION FORM.** (Google email address required)

**Make sure to include the completed Talent Release with your submission!**

*We will confirm via email that we've received your film.*

QUESTIONS? Email: [Events@HiFilmmakers.org](mailto:Events@HiFilmmakers.org)

### **48-HR CHALLENGE FILM SCREENING @ DORIS DUKE THEATRE**

Honolulu Museum of Art & Hawai'i Filmmakers Collective will host a screening of selected

48-hour films on Saturday, April 25 @ 7PM.

Filmmakers will be notified by 4/20 if their film has qualified to screen on 4/25.



## 48-HOUR FILM CHALLENGE CREW + TALENT RELEASE

*This form must be signed by every member of the cast and crew and sent via email with your submission.*

I am willingly and voluntarily participating in this short film \_\_\_\_\_ (title pending).

Production is taking place over the weekend of April 10th - 12th, 2026 in the islands of Hawai'i. I agree to allow this film to be screened at the discretion of the HFC Executive Team including at the Doris Duke Theatre on April 25th, if the film qualifies, and/or at a later screening and/or online via the HFC's various media accounts.

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