



March 28- April 3, 2010

Red Stick Seeks Best of the Fest Submissions for Sixth Annual Festival

Red Stick International Animation Festival, the largest animation festival in the United States, is seeking work from students, amateurs and professionals to consider for its 2010 “Best of the Fest” competition.

The festival is changing seasons for 2010, moving from the spring to the fall. Red Stick will take place Nov. 10-13, 2010, in the downtown Baton Rouge Arts District. The “Best of the Fest” competition is an annual part of festival events, and Red Stick jurists award a “Red Baton” to the top work in each category, announcing winners during the festival. Top Best of the Fest entries also are screened throughout Red Stick for audiences to enjoy.

Red Stick accepts work from students, amateurs or professionals for the Best of the Fest competition, and participants can enter in multiple categories. The festival previously was scheduled to take place in May, and Red Stick initially accepted 2010 submissions in eight categories beginning in September 2009. Anyone who submitted work during this timeframe is still entered in the competition.

Red Stick has resumed accepting Best of the Fest 2010 submissions, and will accept entries through July 1.

Red Stick International Animation Festival is seeking work in eight categories for this year’s Best of the Fest competition:

- Animated Short Film (student and professional categories)
- Music Video
- Scientific Visualization
- Animation for Commercials
- Animation for Games
- Animation for Young Audiences
- Experimental Animation/Visual Music (student and professional categories)
- Storyboard Competition

There is no entry fee for the competition. Animations should be no longer than nine minutes, and the work must have been created within the past two years. The festival accepts 2-D, 3-D and hand-drawn animation, and participants must submit work in DVD

or DV (NTSC only) format. Further details about the submission process are available at <http://redstickfestival.org/entries.asp>.

Participants must register their work online to enter the competition. After filling out the online registration form via the link at <http://redstickfestival.org/entries.asp>, participants can send materials and inquiries to Red Stick International Animation Festival – LSU, 216 Johnston Hall, Baton Rouge, LA, 70803.

The festival received a record 435 entries from 45 countries for its 2009 Best of the Fest competition.

Red Stick is an annual event that highlights the intersections among art, technology and computational science. Each year, the festival draws renowned animators, video game developers and other digital media industry professionals to Baton Rouge to host lectures, workshops and other events for aspiring artists, programmers and entrepreneurs.

The festival is sponsored by LSU in partnership with the Baton Rouge Area Chamber, East Baton Rouge Parish Mayor-President's Office, Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Louisiana Economic Development and Baton Rouge Area Digital Industries Consortium.

For more information on Red Stick, please contact the festival office at 225-389-7182 or visit www.redstickfestival.org.

Pats on the Back:

- Congratulations to Brandon Ross, who received the Department of Computer Science Undergraduate Research Award at the College of Basic Sciences Choppin Honors Convocation last week. Brandon works with Tevfik Kosar's group at the CCT.
- Professor Thomas Sterling was invited to give a presentation and participate on an open panel at the 24th Annual National HPCC Conference in Newport, Rhode Island from March 15-17.

CCT in the News:

Event Encourages Interest in Science

Source: [LSU Reveille](#)

Lectures this Week:

- Jesse Allison, Ball State University, Coordinator for Interactive Arts Research and Development for Digital Intermedia Art and Animation will give a candidate lecture for an AVATAR music faculty position on Tuesday, March 30, at 11 a.m. The lecture will take place in Johnston Hall Room 338.

Please Note:

- The University will be closed Friday, April 2, in observance of Good Friday. All business operations will resume and offices will reopen Monday, April 5. Students have their spring break April 2-9.
- The LSU Office of Purchasing has sent deadlines for equipment purchases:
 - April 12: deadline for items greater than \$25,000 that are not on state contract.
 - May 19: deadline for items less than \$25,000 that are not on state contract.
 - May 21: deadline for all state contract purchases
- Early bird registration and housing is now open for [SIGGRAPH 2010](#) , the premier conference on computer graphics and interactive technologies. The conference will take place in Los Angeles, July 25-29 at the Los Angeles Convention Center.
- Applications for Student Volunteers for [SC10](#) are now being accepted. The deadline to apply is Sunday, Aug. 27. Undergraduate and graduate students are encouraged to apply as volunteers to help with the administration of the conference. In exchange, students will receive complimentary conference registration, housing (for out-of-town volunteers) and some meals. Volunteers will be expected to be available for a total of 4-5 hours of work per day during the week of the conference, which will take place Nov. 13-19 in New Orleans. Successful applicants will be notified of their acceptance by Sept. 30. If you have any questions please e-mail student-vols@info.supercomputing.org.
- This summer, CCT will host its first Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU), a nine-week program that gives students an opportunity to join interdisciplinary research groups and use the advanced cyberinfrastructure available on campus to work collaboratively on computational science projects. CCT will accept eight students for the Summer 2010 REU. Each participating student will receive a stipend of \$4,500, free housing in University dormitories, and up to \$500 in travel expenses. Interested undergraduate students from any academic discipline are welcome to apply. Applications are due March 31, 2010, and students will be notified of whether they have been accepted by April 10. For more information or to see details on how to apply, please visit: <http://reu.cct.lsu.edu>.
- LSU Day, a celebration of LSU's sesquicentennial anniversary, will take place on Saturday, April 24. The campus will host a large exhibition in the Quad and on the Parade Ground on this day to demonstrate work taking place in the different areas of campus for alumni, current or prospective students, and members of the Baton Rouge community. CCT's exhibit will take place in the visualization resources room in

Middleton Library, and will feature the center's research videos and demonstrations of scientific visualization research. CCT will also provide a Best of the Fest reel from Red Stick International Animation Festival to show in Dodson Hall, which will be used to screen films from different areas of campus throughout the day. For more information about CCT's exhibit for LSU Day, please contact Kristen Sunde at ksunde@cct.lsu.edu.

- CCT, AVATAR Initiative and the Red Stick International Animation Festival are hosting LSU Get Animated! Summer Camp, June 7-11, at the Shaw Center for the Arts in downtown Baton Rouge. The camp is currently taking applications, so please pass on the word to any Baton Rouge-area middle or high school students (grades 6-12) with whom you work. Students can visit <http://www.cct.lsu.edu/animate> for more details and to get the necessary materials to register.
- Please remember to send your news concerning grants, awards, conferences, or other pertinent information to PR Manager Kristen Sunde at ksunde@cct.lsu.edu.
- Follow CCT with social media to access photos and see news, events or updated information. Both these pages are public; you do not need a Facebook or Twitter account to view the information.

[Facebook group](#): LSU Center for Computation & Technology
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Upcoming Grant Deadlines:

- [Strategic Technologies for CyberInfrastructure \(STCI\)](#)
April 21 2010 10:15 am
- [Future Internet Architectures \(FIA\)](#)
April 22 2010 10:15 am
At Most \$ 9,000,000.00 available
- [2010 NSF MRI](#)
April 21, 2010 5 p.m.

Note: Please see the [CCT deadline Web site](#), as many NSF deadlines are listed here.

