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WHYY Accepting Entries for 2013 Youth Media Awards Film Festival

*Students in grades 6-12 invited to submit videos in five categories:
documentary, narrative, new report, open, and middle school*

PHILADELPHIA, May 22, 2013 — WHYY, Greater Philadelphia's premier public media provider, is accepting entries through August 15 for its 2013 Youth Media Awards Film Festival. Now in its third year, the program honors the best digital media created by young people in the Philadelphia region. Selected videos will be screened at WHYY during an evening film festival on October 12, where prizes will be awarded. Some winning videos will be shown on WHYY-TV!

WHYY's 2013 Youth Media Awards Film Festival is open to any student in grades 6-12 in the Philadelphia region, including the Philadelphia suburbs, Delaware and New Jersey. Eligible videos must be less than 7 minutes in duration and may be produced by individuals or groups, but must be produced entirely by students in grades 6-12. The majority of work completed on the video must have occurred between August 1, 2012 and July 31, 2013. All media used in the video must be owned by the students, used with permission, or in a manner consistent with *fair use guidelines*. Videos can be entered at WHYY.org/awards. Last year, WHYY received over 165 video entries.

"Young people are creating impressive and inspiring video content in schools, through summer and after-school programs and in their spare time," said Craig Santoro, WHYY Director of Media Instruction. "The talent I've encountered from students in our region has been astounding. WHYY is proud to recognize this talent and effort through the Youth Media Awards program."

Special awards this year include the Thomas Scattergood Behavioral Health Award, given to the best video with a behavioral health theme and sponsored by the Thomas Scattergood Behavioral Health Foundation and the Pennsylvania SPCA Youth Animal Advocacy Award for the best video featuring animal welfare.

For more information and to enter, visit WHYY.org/awards.

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