

Hothouse

Will it pop up in your community next?

Motionpoems, producer of 150+ poetry films, presents The Hothouse Poetry Film Institute, a pop-up week-long intensive arts bootcamp that results in the creation and public screening of short film collaborations between your town’s most exciting filmmakers and poets.

When it pops up for 1 week in your town, Hothouse will engage 8 featured artists (4 poets and 4 filmmakers), 20 students, dozens of actors, technicians and crew, and two public event audiences of any size.

“My skills feel more sharpened after the challenge, and just alive.”
—2019 participating filmmaker Xiaolu Wang



Hothouse has three components you can mix and match:

The Hothouse Challenge gives professional poets and filmmakers one structured week in which to meet, choose a poem, develop a film based on that poem, and screen it for a public audience. Motionpoems does the matchmaking in advance, and offers a stipend, support, and an audience!

The Hothouse Institute lets up to 20 students “ride along” with the challenge, attend a production meeting, mix with the artists, attend shoots and studio sessions, and receive 6 hours of in-class training and discussion, for a total of 20 hours of instruction.

Two public events:
A **public screening** from the celebrated Motionpoems archive and a panel discussion about the unique challenges of poetry filmmaking, with a reception to follow; and a **public premiere** of the Challenge films, co-presented by the artists themselves.

Professional participating artists in the Challenge get a \$1,000 stipend, training, collaborator(s), free access to both public events, public exposure for their work, and a brand-new film, which may be included in Motionpoems’ rotation of official releases on social media, at motionpoems.org, or in any number of Motionpoems events, showcases, or themed screenings to be determined.

Youth Students in the Institute get 4 hours of formal in-class training plus an unlimited behind-the-scenes pass to Challenge filmmaking-in-progress in real time, free access to both public events plus friends-and-family discounts, two receptions with participating artists, production meeting attendance, public recognition, and a certificate of completion.

Your community gets two public events, a showcase of local talents, new creative connections between local artists across disciplines, energized youth, and new films made locally!

Let’s make Hothouse pop up in your community!

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