

IDENTITY FILM FESTIVAL INFO

The Identity Film Festival celebrates the ingenuity and creativity of student and alumni filmmakers from around the world. The annual event is held at the Western Academy of Beijing, and not only serves as a

showcase of excellent student films, but also as an intimate experience for the student filmmakers to share their experiences. This year, the film festival will take place on **Friday**, **May 24**th, alongside WAB's famous *Jazz in the Park* event in WAB's High School Park. It's an occasion for the whole community.

(for directions please refer to https://www.wab.edu/discover/school-campus).

As the name of the festival suggests, participating students are implored to challenge, celebrate, and explore the concept of "identity". It will be up to each and every participant to decide what "identity" means to them, and to showcase their understanding through the exciting medium of filmmaking.

We will be open to submissions from students of all ages and schools, whether in Beijing or not. Submissions will open on Feb. 20th and close on May 6th. Students must complete and submit the submission form to <u>identityfilmfestival@wab.edu</u>, after which an invite-only link will be sent for film submissions should be uploaded onto the Google Drive.

Our judges will review all submissions during the submission period, and the finalists will be announced one week prior to the festival. These finalist films will be shown on the day of the festival, where the winners will also be announced and presented with their respective awards.

Submissions, along with entry to the festival, will be free of charge. So please feel free to attend the festival regardless of whether or not you have submitted a film. Between student films, we will have small rounds of film trivia for the audience to participate in. Alongside the center stage, there will be food and drinks available to all participants as well.

If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact WAB's Film teacher, EJ Callahan, at ej_callahan@wab.edu. Or just email identityfilmfestival@wab.edu directly.

We look forward to reviewing your films!