

## **Hollyshorts 2008 To Open With Josh Brolin's Acclaimed Short Film "X"**

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*Festival Kicks Off With the Short's Hollywood Premiere at Egyptian Theatre in Conjunction with the American Cinematheque HollyShorts Film Festival Takes Place August 7-10, 2008 with Weekend Screenings at Laemmle's Sunset 5*

The organizers of HollyShorts announced today that the acclaimed short film "X," written and directed by Actor/Director Josh Brolin ("No Country For Old Men," "American Gangster,") will have its Hollywood premiere as the official opening short film at the 4th annual HollyShorts Film Festival, which takes place August 7-10, 2008. Brolin's "X" will premiere during the HollyShorts opening night celebration, which will be held in conjunction with the American Cinematheque at the world renowned Egyptian theatre in Hollywood on Thursday, August 7.

HollyShorts also announced today the festival's weekend screenings (August 9-10) will take place at Laemmle's Sunset 5 theatre in Hollywood . The announcements were made today by festival co-organizers/directors Daniel Sol and Theo Dumont .

"We are delighted to kick off this year's HollyShorts with the Hollywood premiere of Josh Brolin's short film "X" in conjunction with the American Cinematheque," said Sol.

"HollyShorts has grown rapidly and as this year's festival expands to four days, we will highlight the best and brightest short films and music videos from around the world.

This year's event will include can't miss networking forums, receptions and panels with some of the most influential figures in the entertainment industry today. We look forward to presenting a great slate of high quality short form content and continue creating platforms for filmmakers to advance their careers to the next level."

"I'm honored that Hollyshorts has chosen my directorial debut film X to open their 4th annual festival," said Brolin. "I'm proud of the stark nature of this film, how it explores the parent/child relationship and appreciate the support of those willing to embrace my journey into filmmaking. We're excited to show the film and be apart of this event."

"The American Cinematheque has had a long history of supporting the short film format as it is often the launching pad for new voices in cinema. We are pleased to be collaborating with HollyShorts Film Festival to further the exposure of this medium," Andrew P. Crane, American Cinematheque Short Film Programmer.

"X" Synopsis:

An inmate escapes prison to reunite with his daughter and searches for her murdered mother in order to ultimately exhume her body and give her a proper burial.

"X" Credits:

Written, Directed and Produced by Josh Brolin, starring Eden Brolin as Jasmine, Eleanor Lambert as Pretty Girl and Vincent Riverside as Jack with Cinematography by John 'Fest' Sandau, Editing by Katie Mcquerrey and Camera/Electrical by James F. Conick. "X" was produced by Brolin Productions.

HollyShorts opening night will also feature a lineup of several additional highly acclaimed short film

projects from around the world, Q&A's and a star-studded reception. The full schedule of films for the HollyShorts opening night event will be announced late June and the complete 4th annual HollyShorts Film Festival lineup will be announced the first week of July. The American Cinematheque will be selling tickets to the event on [www.fandango.com](http://www.fandango.com), tickets will go on sale early July. HollyShorts is currently accepting submissions for the 4th annual HollyShorts Film Festival. Submission forms can be completed directly online by visiting [www.hollyshorts.com](http://www.hollyshorts.com) or by submitting on Withoutabox directly at [www.withoutabox.com/login/4655](http://www.withoutabox.com/login/4655). The 4th Annual HollyShorts Film Festival will be held August 7-10 with screenings, events and parties in Hollywood, CA. All submissions must be 30 minutes or less. Deadlines to submit U.S. and International short films for the 2008 HollyShorts Film Festival are:

- April 16, 2008 - OFFICIAL DEADLINE
- May 16, 2008 – LATE DEADLINE

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HollyShorts is an organization devoted to showcasing the best and brightest short films from around the globe, advancing the careers of filmmakers through screenings, networking events, and various panel and forums. The HollyShorts Film festival showcases the top short films produced 30- minutes or less.

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