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CASCADIA
INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S FILM FESTIVAL

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS:

Ravenna Press and CASCADIA International Women's Film Festival announce a call to poets for an upcoming ekphrastic anthology: *STILLS*.

WHAT:

Ravenna Press seeks poems of all styles (formal, experimental, hybrid) as well as short prose pieces (prose poems, essays, riffs) that engage with the films, scripts, or ideas and issues related to filmmaking featured at the 2025 CASCADIA International Women's Film Festival ("CASCADIA").

WHY:

We celebrate the transformative power of women's storytelling, and the value of art-making across genres (film, creative writing). The project champions inclusivity, collaboration and innovation, and builds crossover bridges between readers, film-going audiences, poets and filmmakers.

Although the Film Festival specifically platforms *women-identifying filmmakers*, the anthology is open to *all poets of all genders and identities*.

WHEN:

The CASCADIA International Women's Film Festival takes place April 24 – 27, in Bellingham WA, with selected films additionally available to be viewed online from May 1 – May 11.

Deadline for submission for the anthology is August 1, 2025.

STILLS, a perfect bound paperback, will be released December 2025, with worldwide distribution.

HOW:

Poets may attend part or all of the Festival in person or online. In-person festival attendance is highly encouraged for the opportunities to engage with writers, directors, actors, producers and industry professionals in addition to the film going experience.

The purchase of an in-person or online multi-movie pass or single ticket supports the work of CASCADIA, a 501c(3) non-profit organization that platforms women filmmakers. Participating poets who intend to submit work may enter the discount code POET at checkout for individual in-person ticket prices, and discount code POETonline for individual online / virtual tickets. The discount code does not apply to passes.

Please visit the festival's ticketing site <https://ciwff2025.eventive.org/welcome> for details on how to purchase single, discounted, early bird or season tickets. Please note Early Bird All-Access passes are on sale until March 21, 2025. Individual tickets go on sale March 21.

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Poems will be chosen for publication by a select committee appointed by the Ravenna Press editorial board. CASCADIA staff and board are not involved with the selection of poems for publication, nor may submit poems for consideration.

Please email the following in the body of an email (no attachments) to The Editors:

- 1 -3 poems / prose pieces (please cite the inspiring film or panelist for each piece)
 - Please note that prose poems/pieces are limited to 600 words.
- A brief cover letter
- Your address
- Short bio (50 words max)

Please put the word STILLS and your last name in the subject line.

There is no submission fee.

WHO:

Ravenna Press is an independent literary press publishing since 1999. Ravenna Press titles have been reviewed in *Kirkus*, *The American Book Review*, *Rain Taxi*, *Bookslut*, *New Pages* and other publications. Notable authors published by Ravenna include Kim Chinquee, Clarence Major, Norman Lock, Daniel Borzutzky, Margaret Diehl and Kristina Marie Darling.

CASCADIA International Women's Film Festival is a Bellingham, Washington-based festival dedicated to discovering, developing and showcasing emergent and expert women filmmakers and promoting the Pacific Northwest as a destination for film production and film going audiences. Last year's Honored Guest was Catherine Hardwicke, director of the groundbreaking *Thirteen* and the global phenomenon of *Twilight*.

OTHER:

There is a long tradition in American letters of poetry's engagement with cinema. Please see:

[Poems About Movies - Big Bang Poetry](#)

[Poetry Goes to the Movies \(poetryfoundation.org\)](http://poetryfoundation.org)

The 2025 anthology is a pilot project; if successful this may become an annual publication.

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