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TVO invites submissions to the Allan King Film Festival contest: **deadline February 27 2009**

What are you passionate about? Send your original 5-minute documentary for a chance to have legendary filmmaker Allan King look at your work, and have your documentary air on TVO.

> *I've had the privilege of getting paid to make films about all the major questions of life – personal, social – that have perplexed me.*
> Allan King, filmmaker

Now it's your turn.

TORONTO, February 6, 2009 -- TVO is offering aspiring or seasoned documentary filmmakers and students an unprecedented opportunity: to enter their original documentary – no longer than 5 minutes – into the Allan King Film Festival contest, and through it, have legendary filmmaker Allan King look at their work. The winning doc airs on TVO.

What are you most passionate about? What issues perplex you? Allan King has tackled challenging topics about the human experience, such as marriage conflict, emotionally disturbed children, and dying with dignity. TVO and Allan King challenge and invite you to follow in the same tradition. Have your say.

Now through the contest deadline of Friday February 27 2009 at 4 pm, TVO invites you to submit a film or video that is:

- no longer than 5 minutes
- about a topic that speaks to an issue that interests you
- an original documentary created for this contest or for a university course in the 2008-09 school year

A shortlist of films will be chosen by a jury that includes Allan King and shown on tvo.org. You, the online voters, have your say between March 16 and March 27 2009. The winning film will be broadcast on television, during TVO's Allan King Film Festival, a retrospective of King's work, April 26 to May 1 2009.

In addition to an airing of the documentary on TVO, the winner will also receive an industry pass to Hot Docs 2009.

One of Canada's leading filmmakers, Allan King pioneered the techniques of cinéma-vérité and "actuality drama." King's renowned and controversial films explore the often painful, but sometimes amusing psychological and sociological aspects of the human experience.

For more information on the Allan King Film Festival contest, including contest rules and helpful tips from Allan King himself, visit tvo.org/akfestival.

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