



**MemFeast 3**  
**In collaboration with Indie Memphis**

Thursday, April 5, 2012

7:00 – 10:00

Sears Crosstown Parking Garage

495 N Watkins, 38104

**Call for Proposals**

FEAST (Funding Emerging Artists with Sustainable Tactics) is a recurring public dinner designed to use community-driven financial support to democratically fund emerging art makers. MemFeast is Memphis' local version founded and facilitated by Crosstown Arts, dedicated to rethinking how the arts are financed and experienced communally.

Crosstown Arts will present the third MemFeast in collaboration with Indie Memphis, and seeks proposals for short films based on the theme of “neighborhood.”

At each MemFeast, anyone from the community can buy a \$25 ticket for an amazing, locally sourced dinner, along with drinks and a ballot to vote on the night's presentations. During the meal, a juried selection of local artists present proposals for their art projects. At the end of the night, diners vote for their favorite idea and the project with the most votes is awarded \$5,000 to produce the work.

All regional artists and filmmakers at any stage in their career are invited to submit proposals for MemFeast 3. The guiding theme is “neighborhood”, and projects can be of any genre (narrative, documentary, experimental, etc.), but should emphasize or illuminate the uniqueness or character of a specific Memphis neighborhood. Proposals should include a rough production budget, project outline (not to exceed 1 page), and samples of past work (see guidelines below). Final runtime for proposed projects cannot exceed 15 minutes.

One month prior to MemFeast, a panel of judges will choose a small group of finalists, who will be awarded \$200 each to prepare their MemFeast presentation. During the dinner, which will take place on April 5, finalists will have eight minutes to pitch their projects to the crowd (i.e. a trailer, other audio/visual components, live presentation, slides, etc.). The project with the most votes will receive \$5,000 to make their film over the summer. The completed film will premiere at the Indie Memphis Preview Party in October and be included in competition at the 2012 Indie Memphis Film Festival in November.

By focusing on local neighborhoods as film subjects, we hope to inspire creative dialogue about and among the diverse and vibrant areas of Memphis. By fostering connections with Memphis geography and history, we hope to engage a wide range of people throughout the city as applicants, participants, and viewers of the finished work.

The mission of **MemFeast** is to support a diverse cross section of contemporary artistic and social practices, and to encourage artists to think outside their routine and produce work that engages the community. Unlike conventional grant programs, MemFeast brings people together for conversation centered on creativity and innovation, where artists receive funding immediately and are enabled to make timely work.

### **About Crosstown Arts**

**Crosstown Arts** is an organization working to bring the iconic Sears building back to life as a cultural, economic, and civic asset incorporating a unique blend of commercial, residential, education, and arts-related components. Parallel to this initiative, Crosstown Arts organizes events, such as lectures, exhibitions, and community gatherings, in order to help further cultivate the Memphis artist community.

### **About Indie Memphis**

Through diverse year-round programming, a world-class annual festival, and ongoing efforts to include new voices, new media, and new audiences, **Indie Memphis** enriches, inspires, and connects the Memphis community while cultivating interest in, and development of, independent film.

***MemFEAST 3 is sponsored by Arts Memphis, Tennessee Arts Commission, and Southern Sun Asset Management***

### **Updated Timeline**

<b>Friday, March 2, 12 noon</b>	Proposals Due
<b>Tuesday, March 6</b>	Finalists Notified
<b>April 2</b>	Finalists' Materials due
<b>April 5, 7 – 10 pm</b>	MemFeast 3 dinner and presentations

### **Proposal Guidelines**

Email the following to [info@crosstownarts.org](mailto:info@crosstownarts.org) with subject line: "MEMFEAST 3 Submission: [Artist First Name, Last Name]"

- Artist's contact info (name, telephone number, email address)
- Project outline and budget (not to exceed 1 page total)
- Samples of past artistic work (need not be limited to film & video)

A link to film and video work, and/or photos **online** is preferred. Please limit film/video sample to 3 minutes and photos to 25 still images.

Submission materials may also be submitted by mail to Crosstown Arts, ATTN: MemFEAST 3 Submissions, 427 N. Watkins, Memphis, TN, 38104. Please include hardcopy prints of artists contact info, as well as submitted project outline and budget, along with CD/DVD of sample work.

Note: Only first 3 mins of video and first 25 images will be viewed by the selection committee. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope if submission materials are desired to be returned.

Please email [Emily@crosstownarts.org](mailto:Emily@crosstownarts.org) with any questions.