

# Toronto Animated Image Society ANIMATED JAM SESSION



TAIS is at it again with its annual Animated Jam session, or AniJam! This year's theme is... **Chickens!** Yes, you heard right. Chickens of the World, chickens of the sea, chickens of the forest, chicken scratch. Poulet of all sorts.

Create a ten second long animated film that somehow encompasses our "chicken" theme! Use any animation technique you want... just make it delicious! Submit it to TAIS and we'll edit the submissions into a chicken AniJam film which will screen at the TAIS Showcase at the National Film Board Cinema this June!

Plus, we've got tons of giveaways!

Submit your films on CD/DVD-Rom, via email in .zip format, via ftp or link to your webspace with **attached submission form**, a brief bio and 2 stills (jpeg) from your film. Format of all Chicken Jam submissions should be **720 x 480 Quicktime.**

## **Send your submissions to:**

Toronto Animated Image Society  
60 Atlantic Ave. Suite 102  
Toronto, Ontario M6K 1X9  
CANADA

If you want to submit your film digitally via email in .zip format, via file hosting or via ftp link, send to **tais@bellnet.ca**

**Submission deadline is May 29th, 2009. Get Cracking!**





## ENTRY FORM TAIS ANIMATED CHICKEN JAM

### Contact Information

Contact name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Production company name (if any): \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal/Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
How did you hear about the TAIS Chicken Jam?: \_\_\_\_\_

### Film Information

Title (If applicable): \_\_\_\_\_  
Country of Origin: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Running Time: \_\_\_\_\_ seconds  
Director: \_\_\_\_\_ Writer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Producer: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please tick all the boxes that apply:

Animation Style: ☐ CGI ☐ 2D ☐ Stop-Motion ☐ Flash

### Please send this form, a brief bio and two film stills (jpeg) along with DVD/CD screeners to:

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**\*\*Please note: All film submissions should be in a 720 x 480 Quicktime format**

**Toronto Animated Image Society**  
**CHICKEN JAM**  
**F.A.Q.**

•*Who can enter?*

Anyone, anywhere! Just remember, if you're mailing your entry, be sure to get your film finished with enough time to spare for you to mail it to us by May 29th, 2009. Be aware, though, that we can't accept custom fees. To avoid fees if mailing from outside Canada, make sure to mark "NO COMMERCIAL VALUE-CULTURAL PURPOSES ONLY" on the envelope.

•*Is there any submission fee?*

Nope! Submission is free.

•*What techniques can I use?*

Anything goes! The only rules are that it has to be 10 seconds in length, it has to be animated or contain mostly animated elements (in case you want to do a live-action/animation composite film) and it has to encompass our chicken theme in some way.

•*Can I enter a film I've already made?*

As long as it meets the above rules, it's in the proper format (720 x 480 Quicktime), and you get it to us by the May 29th deadline, you're golden!

•*Can I enter more than one film?*

Definitely!

•*Can I submit my entry digitally, either via email, through ftp or via my favourite file hosting site like sendspace?*

Sure thing! The only thing we ask is that if you are going to email your submission that you zip it up first so as not to clog our incoming email box. It can only hold so much at one time. Also, if you're going to submit online, please remember to include film stills, a brief bio and the official Submission form.

•*Will you use all the films you get?*

TAIS will only refuse a film if the board deems it to be really offensive (i.e. racist, homophobic...y'know, the usual no-no's). Don't worry, it takes a lot to offend us! Again, as long as it's a 720 x 480 animated film with some sort of chicken reference in it, we'll add it to the jam!

•*What will you do with my entry?*

All the entries will be edited together by TAIS into a single AniJam film...the CHICKENJAM! The film will first be screened at the TAIS Animation Showcase on Thursday, June 25th at the NFB cinema, 150 John Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. After that, the AniJam film will be uploaded to the TAIS website, Channel Frederator, MyToons and YouTube. As well, the AniJam may be screened with the TAIS Animation Showcase at various TAIS sponsored events throughout 2009.

•*Should I put my contact info into my film?*

Completely up to you, but we'll be putting all the filmmakers names in the film's credits and full contact info on the TAIS website...so you don't need to waste precious seconds with a big splash page! Don't worry, if you send us a film, TAIS will make sure your name gets known far n' wide!

•*Can I get a copy of the final AniJam film?*

After the TAIS Animation Showcase, a full-resolution version of the film will be uploaded to an FTP server for individual filmmakers to download. We can also mail you a copy of the film on CD-ROM, just send us a CD-sized envelope with the proper postage.

•*Are there any prizes?*

Yes! The fine folks at The National Film Board, The Beguiling and several other organizations have hooked us up with some great prizes, including Animation DVD compilations and graphic novels signed by the authors for the event! Check out the TAIS website ([www.tais.ca](http://www.tais.ca)) for more details on the goodies. Prizes for films will be awarded following the TAIS Animation Showcase event.

•*I still have a question...*

No sweat. Just give us a shout here at [tais@bellnet.ca](mailto:tais@bellnet.ca), or call us at (416)-533-7889.

## **TAIS CHICKEN JAM RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **ADMINISTRATION:**

This compilation film ('AniJam') is organized by TAIS, the Toronto Animated Image Society, to showcase animation talent from around the world and to promote TAIS' upcoming and future program of events, screenings and workshops.

### **QUALIFICATION FOR ENTRIES:**

Any frame by frame or computer assisted animated film or video made for any format (ie: cinema, television or internet) may be entered. Films must be no more and no less than 10 seconds in length, and must use the topic of 'chickens' as their main theme. Films must be submitted by May 29th, 2009. The person(s) submitting the film must either be the creator of the film, or have expressed permission from the creator of the film to submit it. The creator(s) of the film must have the rights or expressed permission to use all materials (imagery, sound and music) used in the film.

### **TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Works submitted for selection must be in Quicktime format, sized at 720 x 480 pixels. 2 jpeg still images from the film must accompany the submission, along with the filmmaker's name, contact info, and a brief bio of the filmmaker. Submissions can be made via e-mail with attached .zip file, via sendspace, e-mail with FTP address for downloading submission materials or by mailing in a CD-ROM/DVD-ROM containing the required materials.

**REGISTRATION AND DATES:**

No submission fee is required. The finished film, stills and contact info must reach the festival office no later than MAY 29th, 2009 or it will not be considered.

**PRIZING:**

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the TAIS board members. Prize winners will be contacted via e-mail after June 25th, 2009. Prize winners will be announced on the TAIS website and blog. Many will enter, not all will win. Only 1 prize will be awarded per chosen qualifying filmmaker.

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**VIA EMAIL TO:** TAIS@BELLNET.CA

**NOTE:** *We cannot accept customs fees. All entries should have "NO COMMERCIAL VALUE- CULTURAL PURPOSES ONLY" written clearly on the envelope/package. Do not list a value higher than \$10.00 CDN on your entry package. TAIS is not responsible for any materials lost in shipping.*

**SELECTION:**

TAIS retains the right to refuse use of a submitted films in the final compilation film (AniJam).

**NOTE:** *Materials submitted will not be returned. These materials will be archived at TAIS.*

**PROMOTIONAL USE OF WORKS:**

Unless otherwise indicated on the entry form, the entrant grants TAIS the right to show their film as part of the overall compilation film ('AniJam') at any TAIS sponsored screenings and events, and to use stills from their film in TAIS promotional materials, as well as uploading the film to the TAIS website and other video sharing websites.

**ACCEPTANCE OF REGULATIONS:**

By submitting a film or films for the TAIS compilation film ('AniJam'), the participant accepts, without reservation, the terms of the present regulations as stated in this document.

**QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS:**

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