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### NATIONAL 4-H FILM FESTIVAL COMES TO COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

Youth from across the nation go on location to Columbia, Missouri this summer to take part in “FilmFest 4-H,” the national 4-H film festival. Co-produced by Missouri 4-H and the Missouri Film Office, FilmFest 4-H has drawn youth participants from 21 states since its inception. Now in its 8<sup>th</sup> year, FilmFest 4-H continues its mission to bring youth together to learn from working professionals in the television and film industry.

Past presenters at FilmFest 4-H have included film directors, actors, TV series editors, writers, stunt persons, special effects (SFX) experts, sound engineers and documentary producers. Presenters have begun to be announced for 2018, starting with SFX makeup artist Joseph Drobezko. Fresh off season 17 of the SyFy series *Faceoff*, Drobezko is an internationally recognized makeup artist who has already worked on several films.

The 4-H film festival has developed a reputation for rich interactions with professionals, like Drobezko, not common at other events. “FilmFest is a chance to learn, get to know these professionals, and ask all your questions,” said State 4-H Youth Specialist Bradd Anderson, who produces the event. “It’s not some large convention where you stand in line with strangers and pay money for a quick autograph.”

FilmFest 4-H takes place July 31 – August 1 in Columbia, Missouri and pre-registration is required. Passes are available on the FilmFest 4-H web site at <http://filmfest4h.org> for \$129, and conference rates are available for lodging. Those wishing to keep up with the latest news and announcements can follow @filmfest4h on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.