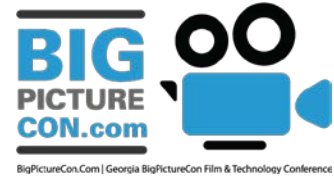


Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



What is the BigPictureCon?

The Georgia **BigPictureCon** Film & Technology Conference (formerly the GABPC) is an exciting film & video conference targeted to students, emerging filmmakers and industry professionals in the fields of film and video, television, animation, acting, editing, and digital media.

Conference attendees will participate in two days of workshops, demonstrations, and panel discussions on topics pertinent to film and video students and emerging filmmakers in Georgia. There will also be a film festival showcase of short films.

What makes the BigPictureCon different from other festivals or film events?

The BigPictureCon brings together students and industry newcomers across Georgia and the southeast for the purpose of education, exhibition and networking. Local film and visual arts organizations continually look to maintain and grow their footholds competitively from local, national and global standpoints. The BigPictureCon creates opportunities for these organizations to tap into and utilize the growing local student population as a 'second string' of talent here that will help filmmakers and producers to maintain that competitive edge.

What is The Big Picture Foundation?

The Big Picture Film & Video Foundation is a non-profit organization established to support, utilize and retain students and newcomers in the areas of film and visual arts for the benefit of the Georgia film & video production community. Through Big Picture programs, students will be able to gain experience and exposure in the film & visual arts industries, and access funding through our Fiscal Sponsor program to complete their independent productions.

Why should I attend the BigPictureCon?

Your film production, communications and visual arts education in Georgia is not complete unless you attend the BigPictureCon! This conference was designed for you – to give you one stop shop access to learn valuable insight from local and nationally known industry professionals about pursuing your career and finding success in the Georgia film & visual arts industry.

Is the conference only for students?

No! The BigPictureCon is open to everyone! Attendees can get access to hands-on demos of equipment and technology in their craft, as well as learn about many of the industry membership organizations that can help them prepare for professional success. Students are also encouraged to submit their films to the short film festival to be showcased the first night of the conference.

Industry newcomers of all ages can learn A-Z about the film and video production industry and what it takes to jump start those dreams of an exciting career in film, television production, writing, acting, editing or digital media. What a great gift for a student, friend or family member! Send them to the BigPictureCon for an intensive educational weekend about the many industry opportunities available in Georgia -- all for a great low price!

How do I register?

Click on the Registration link on our website for registration details.

How much is it to register for the conference?

Conference registration (thru August 31st) is \$119 for students (must show valid school ID or proof of enrollment). Non-student rate is \$169. After September 1st, the rates are \$159 for students and \$209 for non-students.

What is included in conference registration?

Two-day registration includes all general sessions, up to five (5) selected conference sessions (one per time slot), two (2) networking sessions, the opening and closing sessions, a Green Pages Resource Guide & Program Book, gift bag, and Film Festival Showcase Pass.

Do I have to register for the conference to attend the Short Film Festival Showcase?

No. The Film Festival Showcase is just \$10, and begins at 6:30pm on Sunday night, Oct 18th.

Can I purchase the Green Pages Resources Guide Book without registering for the conference?

Yes. The Green Pages Program Book is just \$10 through the end of the conference on Monday, Oct 19th. After that the cost is \$15.

Will conference sessions be available on video or DVD?

Yes. All sessions will be taped and made available on DVD for future purchase on our website. Pre-order discounts will be available at the conference only. Check back for pre-order details.

Are refunds available if I've registered but cannot attend the conference?

No refunds. However, registration is transferable in writing to another attendee. If you are unable to attend or transfer your registration, your prepaid amount can be applied as credit toward a future BigPictureCon seminar, workshop or conference your choice.

How can I become a Volunteer?

Volunteers are needed as: *interns* to assist with various aspects of the planning and production of the conference; *community volunteers* to assist on the actual conference days; and *ambassadors* to promote the conference at their schools or organizations. For additional information or to apply, send an email to volunteer@gabpc.com. Or call 770-354-4027.

What is an Ambassador?

Ambassadors are the 'voice of the conference' at their schools. In exchange for promoting the conference at their school, ambassadors will receive a free pass to attend the conference for every five (5) people who pay to register from their school from their school (or organization – churches, companies). For additional information or to apply, send an email to volunteer@gabpc.com. Or call 770-354-4027.

How can I become a Sponsor?

Sponsors are needed to donate funds, products or services, or to sponsor specific conference activities or events. To become a sponsor, click on the Sponsorship link for details and to download the Sponsorship brochure or package. Or email us at bigpicturefdn@gmail.com.

Additional information about all aspects of the conference can be found in our **Conference Info Sheet**, or **Electronic Press Kit (EPK)** available on our website at BigPictureCon.com.