

# AMERICA

☆ LIVE AND IN PERSON ☆

YOU SHOW ME YOUR VIEW OF DEMOCRACY, AND I'LL SHOW YOU MINE!



Your personal story is an important part of the great American story. Every single person in our country is affected by democracy in a different way. Whether you were born in the heartland, or moved to the U.S. from somewhere far away, we want to know what America means to you (Republican, Democrat, or Independent—everyone).



### **It's like "Open Mic Night" on a really big scale.**

You are invited to tell us your personal story of what America means to you. It can be a big idea – like how being an American has affected all the things you've done in life. Or it can be a small moment – something that symbolizes to you what America is all about. It can be touching, funny, inspiring, thought provoking or witty. It just has to come from your heart.



### **Your story is helping us set the stage for a momentous time in history.**

In August of 2008, Denver will host the Democratic National Convention. This occasion symbolizes a new political landscape in our nation, with a diverse array of candidates, perspectives, visions and voices. It's an exciting time for citizens of all ages to think about how you fit into the big picture called "America."



### **Your story could become part of a large and exciting "America: Live and In Person" exhibit that will be displayed throughout Colorado this summer.**

We are starting to collect submissions to *Live and In Person* right now! Over the next months, we'll be putting together exciting ways to bring all your great stories to life – via the Internet and traveling exhibit. It's a great way for you to share your story, and for our greater community to come together and appreciate the roles we all play in this great country.



### **You can be the star. You can be the judge.**

We want everyone to be involved. (That's what's great about America!) So we'll have submissions uploaded online for people to vote for their favorites. Winners will be showcased on the Convention's Host Committee website and throughout the city at locations to be disclosed soon.\* Plus, you'll be eligible for great prizes. **Keep checking this website for more details coming soon!**

\* The Denver 2008 Convention Host Committee reserves the right to remove content from the website that does not fit with the overall goal of this contest—promoting, inspiring, and educating others about Democracy."

### **Who do we want to hear from?**

We want to hear from all kinds of individuals - students and grandparents, soccer moms and business executives, blue-collar workers and retirees. We want to hear from those of you who live in urban apartments and those who live in our wide-open country sides. This is your stage. Let us applaud your story.

### **How do we want to hear your story?**

We invite you to be creative – tell your personal story in a way that is as unique as you are. Check out our categories and specifications below.

### **What are the parameters?**

This invitation is extended to citizens in the Rocky Mountain Region helping to host the Democratic National Convention, including Colorado, Arizona, Nevada, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming.

### **Your audience is waiting.**

**Think creatively. Act passionately. Be involved.** This is our chance to ensure the success of this historic convention against the backdrop of the West. We look forward to seeing you, Live and In Person, through your entries.

**SUBMISSION DATES begin now. Start sending them in!  
DEADLINE for SUBMISSIONS is June 15, 2008. But don't wait that long!**

**The Details:** In an effort to insure that your submission is appropriately displayed on the web, all entries must be submitted electronically to [www.DenverConvention2008.com](http://www.DenverConvention2008.com). You will be able to attach your project file after you complete the form that follows. It is our intent to post all submissions, therefore there are length restrictions. Please refer to the grid below for details. Some projects or events may exceed these specifications. In these cases, please submit an excerpt that conveys the overall content and meets the length requirements below. submitted electronically to: [www.denverconvention2008.com](http://www.denverconvention2008.com). You will be able to attach your project file after you complete the form that follows. It is our intent to post all submissions, therefore there are length restrictions. Please refer to the grid below for details. Some projects or events may exceed these specifications. In these cases, please submit an excerpt that conveys the overall content and meets the length requirements below.

#### **Categories**

#### **Length: for Website Inclusion**

**Written:** Personal stories, historical comparisons, interviews and testimonials, spoken word, or poetry.

One page, i.e. one screen page.

**Visual:** Drawings, paintings, photographs, murals, sculptures, posters or cartoons.

No size limitation but please note the size of the electronic rendering cannot exceed one screen page. Cartoons/frames may not exceed 8 1/2 x 11 page.

**Drama:** Scripts, skits/scenes, poems, mime, or We The People experience.

One screen page.

**Performance:** Instrumental, vocal, original song, or dance.

3-minute video maximum.

**Technology:** Social networking, web page, pod cast, multimedia and video.

4-minute videos preferred; 5-minute maximum accepted.

**Community Project:** Participatory art, democracy exhibit, fair, service project, or media coverage.

If submitting a video refer to the Technology category; if submitting a narrative, refer to the Written category.