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Vancouver Student Film Festival

Emerging Vancouver Student Film Festival Calls for Student & Alumni Entries

Vancouver, B.C. – In its second year, the Vancouver Student Film Festival (VSFF) is calling for film and video entries from students and graduates of post-secondary institutions. The festival is expanding its reach by welcoming entries from film schools throughout B.C. in order to provide a wider scope and representation of upcoming B.C. talent.

“We’re very excited to begin our second year of the Vancouver Student Film Festival,” says Brian Danin, Director. The festival has already received support from several post-secondary schools in the Vancouver area. “All the support we received last year from the industry really showed a passion and commitment towards new and emerging talent. This is only the start of what is to become a great asset to all students throughout the province.” Entry fees for submitting filmmakers are \$10 until May 15th, and \$20 until August 25, 2006.

The VSFF was conceived by several students and graduates from the University of British Columbia who felt a need for a local film festival focussing solely on post-secondary students and graduates transitioning from school into the B.C. film industry. The inaugural festival was held on August 23rd, 2005 at the Pacific Cinémathèque, and screened twelve films to a sold-out crowd. The event was supported by local and national businesses and non-profit arts societies around Vancouver. Nine awards were distributed by a panel of industry judges, including Paul Armstrong, Megan Carvell Davis, Toni Latour, Christine Taylor, Ann Marie Fleming, Kirsten Clarkson, David Ozier, and current VSFF producer Jun Paul Obayashi of Candlelight Motion Pictures.

Now a registered non-profit society, the 2006 VSFF will be held on September 15th & 16th at the Vancouver International Film Centre’s Vancity Theatre. This year’s schedule will also include a trade forum in which the public can learn from and interact with film industry professionals. Students and recent graduates from B.C. post-secondary film, digital video, and media arts programs are encouraged to enter their works before leaving for summer holidays.

For more information on the festival, entry rules, and forms, please visit www.vsff.com.

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