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Vancouver Student Film Festival

Last Call for 2006 Vancouver Student Film Festival Entries

Vancouver, B.C. – In its second year, the Vancouver Student Film Festival (VSFF) is accepting its final call for film and video entries from students and graduates of B.C. post-secondary institutions. The entry fee for submitting filmmakers is **\$20.00** and films must be received by **Friday, August 25, 2006**. Submission applications are online at www.vsff.com.

Upwards of sixty entries have already been submitted by filmmakers from over 10 different schools. “This year’s competition is going to be fierce, but I’m excited to see all the great new films that have been made by students and grads. After everything comes in, I’m always amazed at the quality of these filmmakers,” says Brian Danin, Director. The festival has already received support from five post-secondary schools and several local sponsors, including North Shore Studios, CityTV, Reel West, and Artifex Studios.

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 the August 25th deadline.

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

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