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Subject: 2nd Annual D.C. ASL Film Festival Announces Films and Schedule

Website: www.ASLFilmFestival.com

Washington, D.C. - For the 2nd D.C. ASL Film Festival, over fifty (50+) films were selected from a record number of competing submissions by Deaf filmmakers or those with deaf-related themes around the world. The Festival will be held on Friday to Sunday, May 1st to 3rd, 2009, at Andrew Foster Auditorium within the Gallaudet University campus.

This year's three-day Festival showcases exceptional and exciting films that cover a huge spectrum of genres from romance and comedy to horror, the experimental art to educational, animation to live action, and includes a spectrum of Hollywood-produced to local students' work.

This Festival is truly an international event with films from over 10 countries around the world; these countries include Canada, Germany, India, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand, South Africa, Sweden, United Kingdom, as well as films from around the USA.

The selected films include over 6 feature length films, 30 shorts and others that total at over 50 altogether. Some of these films have won awards, which speak volumes about the depth and quality of films being shown at the Festival.

"We not only doubled, but tripled the size of last year's film festival programming with documentaries, features and short films," said Alexander Zernovoj, Director and Event Co-Chairperson of the Film Festival.

Other festival highlights include the prestigious awards ceremony, VIP Filmmaker Reception, general public reception, workshops, and Q&A sessions. There will also be a college, high school and youth film display from the emerging talent.

"This year's Festival is looking to become THE Film Festival to remember with the largest deaf-related or produced film programming in history," said Zernovoj.

Please visit www.ASLFilmFestival.com for the film schedule, purchasing tickets, and other relevant information.

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TICKET SALE

Limited supply of tickets and passes are available for purchase at www.ASLFilmFestival.com (recommended), or at the door if remaining tickets are still available.

Ticket prices:

\$15 - One Day Admission (\$3 off for students and DCAD members)

\$25 - Two Days Admission (\$5 off for students and DCAD members)

\$35 - Festival Combo Pass - All 3 Days (\$5 off for students and DCAD members)

\$50 - Festival Combo Pass with VIP Filmmaker Reception (\$5 off for students and DCAD members)

Deadline to buy tickets and save money with the early bird discount special has been extended to April 29, 2009 at 11:59 PM.

You may email us at ASLFilm@dcdeaf.org ASAP to inquire about reserving your tickets in advance, in lieu of the online purchase.

Tickets are limited and are sure to sell out fast. Order yours today!

2nd ANNUAL FESTIVAL HOST AND SPONSORS

The District of Columbia Association of the Deaf (DCAD) is proud to be the official host of this Festival.

It is the support of our Festival sponsors who help make possible D.C. ASL Film Festival a premier deaf event in D.C. This year's Festival sponsors are BisonTV, Purple, SafeLiving, and Sprint.

ABOUT D.C. ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF

DCAD is a community based organization that actively engages in advocacy and empowerment issues affecting DC's deaf and hard of hearing community. Fostering a cohesive and cooperative relationship with the DC Government is one of DCAD's many goals. DCAD was formed over 40 years ago and is an affiliate of the National Association of the Deaf. Visit us at www.dcdeaf.org.

OTHER INFORMATION

Visit www.ASLFilmFestival.com for updates, list of films, schedule, and ticket information.

Click the following URL to download and view the official Festival poster:

http://dcdeaf.org/aslfilm/documents/ASLfilmfestival_poster.jpg

To obtain more information, please contact Director and Event Co-Chairperson Alexander Zernovoj at ASLFilm@dcdeaf.org.

Note: This D.C. ASL Film Festival is not affiliated or related to Gallaudet's WORLDEAF Cinema Festival in any way or form.

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