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TAKE FIVE AT THE 2007 TALLGRASS FILM FESTIVAL

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS:

KANSAS & HIGH SCHOOL FILMMAKERS SUBMIT FOR FREE:

CASH PRIZES ADDED!

WICHITA, KAN, March 1, 2007 - The Wichita Association for the Motion Picture Arts (WAMPA) and the Tallgrass Film Festival announced the call for submissions for the 2007 Tallgrass Film Festival to be held this October 19-21st in Wichita, Kansas at the Warren Old Town Theatres and other venues across town. In its first four years, over 14,000 local and regional attendees and more than 100 filmmakers from Kansas and all over the world have enjoyed the Festival. Genres showcased in both feature-length and short formats include narrative, documentaries, foreign, GLBT, animation and experimental.

The entry deadline for film submissions is July 1, 2007 with a late submission deadline of August 1, 2007. (Fee: Features \$50. Shorts \$25/ Late Submission Fee: Features \$100, Shorts \$50).

The Early Bird Deadline offers reduced submission fees; however, films must be submitted by March 20, 2007, to qualify for the discount. (Fees: Features: \$45 and Shorts: \$20).

Entries must be submitted on either VHS or DVD (NTSC format) and will be screened in either 35 mm, DigiBeta, Beta SP, or DVD as a final presentation format. Entries should be sent to: 3337 East Central, Suite 107, #151, Wichita, KS, 67208. The 2007 Tallgrass Film Festival will screen approximately 15 features and 40 shorts. To submit a film, please visit www.withoutabox.com and follow official submission instructions.

Submissions from Kansas filmmakers, and high school filmmakers from around the country will not require a submission fee, however, all official submission forms must be filled out as usual at www.withoutabox.com and filmmakers must submit a valid Kansas address or a copy of a valid high school ID, respectively, to request the fee waiver.

WAMPA also announced that a cash award of \$500.00 will be given to the Audience Award Winning Feature Film. This year's cash prize is presented by longtime Tallgrass Film Festival sponsor, Spangenberg Phillips Architecture of Wichita, Kansas. A cash prize of \$100 will also be given to the Audience Award winning short film.

Official festival selections are made by the local Tallgrass Film Festival Programming Committee, made up of Wichitans from all walks of life. Programmers work diligently throughout the year to tailor the film festival to the Wichita audiences who delight in diverse independent and international film programming. Highlights from the 2006 festival included the standing-room only *Timothy Gruver Spotlight on Kansas Filmmakers*, presented by the Kansas Film Commission; the first-ever High School Filmmaker Program; the Audience Award winning feature film *The Big Bad Swim*; the 2007 Oscar nominated films *Iraq in Fragments* and *The Saviour*; and the 2007 Independent Spirit Award nominee *The Trials of Darryl Hunt*.

Confirmed Sponsors for the 2007 Tallgrass Film Festival include Warren Theaters, Rule Productions Studios, Clear Channel Radio/Wichita, Spangenberg Phillips Architecture, Greater Wichita Convention and Visitors Bureau, Digital Brand, Wichita Downtown Development

Corporation, House of Schwan, Scholfield Honda, Cricket Communications, Sumo by Nambara and the Kansas Film Commission.

Founded in 2003 by the late Timothy Gruver, the Tallgrass Film Festival is a program of the Wichita Association for the Motion Picture Arts (WAMPA), a non-profit 501©3 arts organization dedicated to entertaining and enlightening audiences from America's heartland by showcasing the very best in independent cinema, including foreign, documentary, controversial, retrospective and premiering films.

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