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CHICAGO UNITED FILM FESTIVAL
A UNITED SHOWCASE OF ART AND CREATIVITY
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MUSIC BOX THEATRE 3733 N. SOUTHPORT AVE, CHICAGO IL 60613

Chicago, IL 28 July 2010 *The Chicago United Film Festival*, bringing art and creativity together to create a united film community, is excited to be returning to the historic Music Box theatre for its second year this September 10th - 16th. The festival's focus is to bring together talented filmmakers from diverse backgrounds, thus creating a "United" showcase of creative energy and talent.

A Tulsa native filmmaker, Jason Connell and **Connell Creations** founded *The Tulsa United Film Festival* eight years ago. They released the heartwarming feature documentary *Strictly Background* in 2007, and are distributing the quirky fan favorite documentary *The Rock-afire Explosion* as well as *Divorcing God*, a thought-provoking documentary about love, marriage, and religion, which will have its Chicago premiere at this year's festival. *The United Film Festivals* expanded to include *Los Angeles & New York* in 2007 and *San Francisco, Chicago & London* in 2009. With this growth, the rich tradition of screening humorous, touching and provocative films will be open to new audiences. This is one film festival you won't want to miss!

Chicago United is proud to present an amazing list of Feature-Length Narratives and Documentaries. Nearly all films will be Chicago Premieres and will be preceded by a selection of Award-Winning Short Films. This year also highlights some great local filmmakers and Chicago history. Our opening night features *Special When Lit*, which follows the rise and fall of the pop culture icon of pinball. Saturday night we are showcasing the premiere of *Ballhawks*, with Bill Murray narrating the story of the group of men who have been chasing baseballs and dreams just outside the ivy-covered walls of Wrigley Field, for the last one-hundred years. Filmmakers, students, and anyone with a passion for film cannot miss *Official Rejection*, an inside look at the world of film festivals. We have a series of thought-provoking political documentaries, including *The Minutemen*, a cinema verite look at the men who have taken it upon themselves to enforce immigration laws at the Mexican/U.S. border, as well as a night of animal rights documentaries during the week, including a look at the world of owning exotic animals as pets, *The Elephant in the Living Room*. And you cannot miss our closing night films, the baffling and intriguing *Eat the Sun* and the quirky *Biker Fox*, a character who has to be seen to be believed. We'll also be showing special Midnight Movies of *Ferris Beuller's Day Off* and *Predator* as well as free blocks of short films during the week. Other great films in our line up include *Jeffie Was Here*, *The Street Stops Here*, *Beyond the Pole*, *Divorcing God*, *HouseQuake*, *Pontiac's Rebellion*, *Gabi on the Roof in July*, *RiffRaff*, and *Beneath the Blue*. Many films will feature Q&As with the filmmakers, so be sure to come out for what is sure to be the most fun and diverse Chicago United Film Festival yet!

***All film screenings are \$10, All Access Passes are \$70 and Mini Passes are \$35.*

For more information, please visit the official festival website: www.theunitedfest.com.

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