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**THE LOS ANGELES UNITED FILM FESTIVAL CONCLUDES WITH MUCH SUCCESS
AS MATTHEW MODINE AND LINKIN PARK DJ JOSEPH HAHN EACH HAVE LA
PREMIERES OF THEIR SHORT FILMS**

Beverly Hills, CA – April 20, 2008 – The *Los Angeles United Film Festival* (LAUFF) concluded on April 20, 2008 bringing art and creativity together creating a united film community. The festival was held at the prestigious Fine Arts Theater in Beverly Hills from April 18 – 20, showcasing incredible short films and phenomenal documentaries. The kick-off celebration was held on April 17, at the Gibson Musical Instruments Showroom in Beverly Hills, CA. Filmmakers and guests feasted on dates in bacon, meatballs and Piquillos sponsored by The Courtyard Restaurant located in West Hollywood, CA and sipped on P.I.N.K. Vodka, Pyramid Beer and Steaz Green Tea Soda in bright pink glow in the dark cups as well as vitaminwater, smartwater and vitaminenergy.

Cowboy, one of Matther Modines short films, which he directed and starred, showcases a Cowboy lost in the urban jungle of Manhattan, sometimes discovering things aren't always what they seem to be.

"The Seed" tells the story of Sung, portrayed by Will Yun Lee ("Torque", "Elektra", "Die Another Day", "CSI", "Bionic Woman"), a homeless veteran losing his mind on the banks of the L.A. River. Pursued by unseen forces, fighting unseen foes, Sung is ostensibly "just another lunatic." But as his invisible war continues under bridges and in tunnels, the viewer is taken deeper into his nightmare — into a nightmare of conspiracy, cloaking and the government's unseen war. Sung struggles to fight through what is visible to him, yet invisible to the world around him.

The festival's focus did exactly what it intended to do, which was to bring together talented filmmakers from diverse backgrounds, thus creating a "United" showcase of creative energy and talent. This film festival was for everyone, a place where art and community converge.

A Tulsa native filmmaker, Jason Connell and his production company **Connell Creations** founded *Los Angeles United Film Festival* and recently completed their first feature length film "Strictly Background." Although he now lives in LA, Connell continues to run Tulsa United Film Festival (TUUFF) – now entering its 6th year – and launched New York United Film Festival (NYUFF) in '07. The rich tradition of screening humorous, touching and sometimes provocative films is reaching even more people than ever.

LAUFF was proud to present an amazing list of Award Winning Documentaries & LA Premieres. Feature Film "Dirty Country" kicked off the festival, followed by the weekend lineup: "The Union: The Business Behind Getting High" with personalities such as comedian Joe Rogan, "From the 50 Yard Line", "Darius Goes West" with appearances by William H. Macy and Felicity Huffman, "Wiener Takes All", "Strictly Background", "Red Hot Chili Peppers: Untitled Documentary", "Fish Call Flea", "The Jesus Guy", "Finding Kraftland" with appearances by world famous composers Danny Elfman & Alan Menken, "Row Hard, No Excuses", and concluding the festival with a sold out crowd, "Piece of Mind."

There was a Q&A with the filmmakers & cast after each of these films and all films preceded by a block of amazing short films. For more information please visit the official festival website www.launitedfest.com.

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