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Press Release

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Anthology Film Archives – 32 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10003

New York, NY December 15th & 16th, 2007: The *New York United Film Festival* is where art and creativity come together to create a united film community. The festival showcases films that reflect a wide range of topics and experiences. The focus is to bring together talented filmmakers from diverse backgrounds, thus creating a "United" showcase of creative energy and talent. In addition to film, the festival promotes entertainers, artists, musicians, photographers, and critics. This is a film festival for everyone, a place where art and community converge.

A native of Tulsa, Oklahoma, filmmaker Jason Connell and his production company **Connell Creations** founded *New York United Film Festival*, and recently completed their first feature film "**Strictly Background**" (www.strictlybackground.com). This heartfelt and compelling award-winning documentary is based on the trials of 10 movie extras trying to make it big in Hollywood. Its highly-anticipated NYC premiere will take place on the festival's closing night.

Another NYC premiere is lined up - the critically acclaimed documentary about 1980's arcade games, "**Chasing Ghosts**" (www.chasingghoststhemovie.com), which will screen on opening night. This film has been a fan favorite on the festival circuit and was an Official Selection at Sundance. The complete schedule will be posted online in November 2007, with plenty of amazing short films from all over the world.

Although he now lives in L.A., Connell continues to run *Tulsa United Film Festival* - now entering its 5th year - and recently launched *Los Angeles United Film Festival* in April of 2007. The rich tradition of screening humorous, touching, and sometimes provocative films is reaching more people than ever. This is one film festival you won't want to miss!

For more information please visit the official festival website - www.nyunitedfest.com, and feel free to contact Jason Connell via phone or email.

Tickets Available Online Now:

\$10 each night

** Due to limited seating advance tickets are strongly encouraged.*

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