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NEW YORK UNITED FILM FESTIVAL  
A UNITED SHOWCASE OF ART AND CREATIVITY  
SEPTEMBER 5th - 7th, 2008  
Millennium - 66 East 4th Street, New York, NY 10003

New York, NY July 16, 2008 *The New York United Film Festival*, bringing art and creativity together to create a united film community, will be held at the prestigious Millennium in the East Village on September 5th - 7th. The festival's focus is to bring together talented filmmakers from diverse backgrounds, thus creating a "United" showcase of creative energy and talent. This is a film festival for everyone, a place where art and community converge. A Tulsa native filmmaker, Jason Connell and his production company **Connell Creations** founded *New York United Film Festival* and recently completed their first feature length film "*Strictly Background*." This heartfelt and compelling award-winning documentary is based on the trials of 10 movie extras trying to make it big in Hollywood. Although he now lives in LA, Connell continues to run *Tulsa United Film Festival* - now entering its 6th year - and launched *Los Angeles United Film Festival* in '07. The rich tradition of screening humorous, touching and sometimes provocative films is reaching even more people than ever. This is one film festival you won't want to miss!

**NY United** is proud to present an amazing list of some Award-Winning Documentaries & numerous NY Premieres. "*Last Cup: Road to the World Series of Beer Pong*" covers this fascinating underground sport and will kick off the festival followed by a "*Beer Pong After Party*." Next the weekend line-up begins with a "*Cultural Awareness*" series which consists of "*2nd Verse: The Rebirth of Poetry*" which focuses on teen poets from all over the world, "*The Listening Project*" uncovers what 14 different countries think about America, "*2 Turntables and a Microphone*" is based on the life and death of RUN DMC's famous DJ, Jam Master Jay, the film includes various artists such as Jay-Z & 50 Cent, closing out the day is "*Eleven Minutes*" which chronicles *Project Runway* winner Jay McCarroll's first fashion show from conception to completion.

The festival concludes on Sunday with an "*Inside Hollywood*" series starting with "*Lights! Action! Music!*" which covers the art of composing motion pictures and includes many famous directors such as Ang Lee, Spike Lee & Francis Ford Coppola, "*Strictly Background*" uncovers the intriguing world of background actors (a.k.a. extras) as they try to stand out from the crowd, "*Hollywood Dreams*" is the only narrative film in the festival but is the 15th from famous director, Henry Jaglom, and is about a young actress (Tanna Frederick) from Iowa trying to make it in the movie business, other cast includes Justin Kirk (*Weeds*) & Melissa Leo (*21 Grams*), and closing out the festival is "*The Reinactors*" which documents the individuals who dress as Hollywood film icons in front of Grauman's Chinese Theatre.

*\*Seating is limited, so get your tickets today!*

*\*\*All screenings are \$10. Any and all filmmakers are available for interviews.*

There will be a Q&A with the filmmakers & cast after each of these films.  
All films will be preceded by a block of amazing short films (10-20 min) to be announced online soon.  
For more information please visit the official festival website [www.nyunitedfest.com](http://www.nyunitedfest.com).

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