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NEW YORK UNITED FILM FESTIVAL
A UNITED SHOWCASE OF ART AND CREATIVITY
October 8th - 11th, 13th & 14th, 2009
Anthology Film Archives 32 2nd Ave, New York, NY 10003

New York, NY - 24 August, 2009 *The New York United Film Festival*, bringing art and creativity together to create a united film community, will be held for the third time at the Anthology Film Archives October 8th through 11th, 13th & 14th. The festival's focus is to bring together talented filmmakers from diverse backgrounds, thus creating a "United" showcase of creative energy and talent. It's 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 *Tulsa United Film Festival* seven years ago and recently released 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 and will have a special screening at this year's New York festival. Now living in Hollywood, Connell expanded *The United Film Festivals* to include *Los Angeles & New York* in 2007 and has added *San Francisco, Chicago & London* this year. 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!

New York United is proud to present an amazing list of Feature-Length Narratives and Documentaries. Nearly all films will be New York Premieres or Special Engagement Screenings and will be preceded by a selection of Award-Winning Short Films.

This year we're kicking the festival off with *The Rock-afire Explosion*, a documentary about a small-town disc jockey, a struggling inventor, and an animatronic rock band. Opening night brings us two exciting films. *Like Dandelion Dust*, based on the best-selling novel by Karen Kingsbury, follows what happens when a couple's idyllic life is shattered when their adopted son's biological parents find a loophole in the adoption papers. Starring Mira Sorvino, Barry Pepper, and Cole Hauser. Also Premiering on opening night, *The Shark is Still Working* is a captivating documentary about one of Hollywood's biggest blockbusters of all time, *Jaws*. To gear up for the documentary, come out to our special screening of *Jaws* and see Steven Spielberg's classic on the big screen. Finally, our very exciting closing film is *Complacent*, a narrative drama about two close sisters who are shaken to the core by a tragedy which questions the way that they live their lives. Starring Kerri Green, Cerina Vincent, Elisa Donovan, and Joey Kern. Other films in our lineup include *The Quantum Tamers: Revealing Our Weird and Wired Future*, *How I Got Lost*, *Sordid Things*, *Ingredients*, *90 Minutes: The World Cup of New York*, *Stages*, *Rhyme and Punishment*, *Strictly Background*, *Branson*, and *Etienne!*.

The United franchise has gained the attention and support of major sponsors and media outlets including Sony Creative Software, Final Draft, ShowBiz Software, Glidecam, Moviemaker Magazine, Film Musicians Secondary Market Fund, B-Side, Copymat Hollywood, CRE Rentals, Hollywood Green Team, InkTip & Talent6.

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

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

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