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SAN FRANCISCO UNITED FILM FESTIVAL
A UNITED SHOWCASE OF ART AND CREATIVITY
JUNE 12th - 14th, 17th & 18th 2009
ROXIE THEATER 3117 16th STREET, SAN FRANCISCO CA 94103

San Francisco, CA 11 May, 2009 *The San Francisco United Film Festival*, bringing art and creativity together to create a united film community, will be held for the first time in the Bay Area at the historic Roxie Theater, right in the heart of the thriving Mission district June 12th - 14th, June 17th & 18th. 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 Los Angeles 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!

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

Our kickoff film *Alcatraz Reunion* follows filmmaker John Paget in his search for the few known surviving ex-prisoners of Alcatraz, once America's most dangerous public enemies, who have been invited back to the Rock for a Reunion. This is the riveting Alcatraz story unlike any you've heard before! Also premiering is *The Shark is Still Working*, a captivating documentary about one of Hollywood's biggest blockbusters of all time, *Jaws*. Other films in our lineup are *Etienne*, *Last Cup: Road to the World Series of Beer Pong*, *The Perfect Cappuccino*, *Fagbug*, *One Day in Africa*, *New Brow Contemporary*, *Bicycle Dreams* and *the Rock-afire Explosion*. *Etienne!* is a unique road trip story about a young man and his terminally ill hamster. This unique and touching San Francisco premiere will close the festival on June 18th.

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 & Talent6.

"A one-of-a-kind smorgasbord for film aficionados of every stripe. The documentaries here are particularly good." Todd David Schwartz CBS

***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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