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TUFF

Press Release

Tulsa United Film Festival

August 3rd & 4th, 2007 (Fri & Sat), 9PM-Midnight
Circle Cinema – 10 South Lewis Ave, Tulsa, OK 74104

Tulsa, OK August 3rd & 4th, 2007: *Tulsa United Film Festival (TUFF)* is where art and creativity come together to create a united film community. **TUFF** showcases films reflecting a wide range of topics and experiences. The festival's focus is to bring together talented filmmakers from diverse backgrounds, thus creating a "United" showcase of creative energy and talent. In addition to film, **TUFF** promotes entertainers, artists, musicians, photographers, and critics. **TUFF** 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 **TUFF** 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 Tulsa premiere will take place on opening night of **TUFF** and will kick things off in style! **TUFF** has another Tulsa premiere lined up - the critically acclaimed documentary, "**Strong Enough To Break**" (www.strongenoughtobreak.com), which will screen on closing night. This film documents the struggles and tension that drove Tulsa's very own, Hanson, to leave their major label record company and take a huge risk by starting their own label. The complete schedule will be posted online in July '07 - you can expect plenty of amazing short films from all over the world.

Upon moving to L.A., Connell created *Los Angeles United Film Festival (LAUFF)* - April '07 - and just launched *New York United Film Festival (NYUFF)* set for December '07 in NYC. The rich tradition of screening humorous, touching and sometimes provocative films is reaching even more people than ever. **TUFF** is one film festival you won't want to miss!

For more information please visit the official **TUFF** website www.tulsaunitedd.com and feel free to contact Jason Connell via phone or email for comment.

Tickets Available Online Now:

\$10 each night

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

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