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TULSA UNITED FILM FESTIVAL
A UNITED SHOWCASE OF ART AND CREATIVITY
JULY 31ST - AUGUST 2ND 2009
CIRCLE CINEMA - 12 SOUTH LEWIS AVENUE, TULSA OK 74104

Tulsa, OK - 16 June, 2009 *The Tulsa United Film Festival*, bringing art and creativity together to create a united film community, will be held for the seventh time at the historic Circle Cinema July 31st through August 2nd. 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!

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

Our opening night films include *The Legend of Billy Fail*, filmed in and around the Tulsa area. Also premiering is *The Shark is Still Working*, 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. Other films in our lineup are *Rock-afire Explosion*, *Airplay: The Rise and Fall of Rock Radio*, *The Union: The Business Behind Getting High*, *New Brow: Contemporary Underground Art*, *Fagbug*, *Wiener Takes All*, *Bicycle Dreams*, and *Etienne!*. *Rock-afire Explosion* is documentary about a small-town disc jockey, a struggling inventor, and an animatronic rock band, that quickly becomes an eccentric portrait of childhood memories, broken dreams, and the resilience of the human spirit. This unique and touching Tulsa premiere will close the festival on August 2nd.

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.

"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 \$8, All Access Passes are \$50 & Mini Passes are \$25.*

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

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