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Santa Cruz Film Festival Announces its Call for Entries

*Season 8 of prominent regional festival opens its doors to best in local,
national and international cinema*

SANTA CRUZ, CA, August 28, 2008 – The Santa Cruz Film Festival (SCFF), a celebration of independent-minded filmmakers and artists who produce culturally relevant and ideologically challenging work, announces the call for entries for its eighth edition, May 7-16, 2009.

Since 2002, SCFF has brought more than 800 films and 80,000 film lovers from all over the world to the beautiful beaches and breathtaking redwoods of Santa Cruz for nine days of entertaining and enlightening cinema. The Festival champions voices and stories that are frequently absent in mainstream cinema and is a crossroads for the intellectually curious. Scintillating conversations between filmmakers, academics, students, programmers, the press and the public are a hallmark of SCFF.

Additionally, SCFF combines the cinematic experience with other art forms to feature one-of-a-kind programs featuring musicians, dancers, poets, artists, writers, activists and surfers who regularly participate at and enhance SCFF events. As a 2007 festival film maker stated, “[Making a film is] a whole lot of work and time in the lives of many, and when you’re reading a script for the first time you imagine and hope for an audience reaction exactly like the one we got at the Santa Cruz Film Festival!”

Honoring today’s most creative independent films, SCFF presents Audience Awards for Narrative Feature, Documentary Feature, International Film, Short Narrative, Short Documentary, Animated Work, Experimental Work, Student-Produced Work, Youth-Produced Work. Jury prizes are awarded in the Narrative Feature, Documentary Feature and Emerging Filmmaker categories.

Films and videos of all lengths and formats completed after January 1, 2008 are invited to submit for consideration; Narrative, Documentary, Animation, Experimental, Student and Youth-produced works. Submit online at Withoutabox (withoutabox.com) or download the application from the Festival website (santacruzfilmfestival.com). The deadline for submissions is February 1, 2009.

Among the artists who have shared in SCFF events are Neil Young, Ray Manzarek, B. Ruby Rich, David Arquette, The Cockettes, Cheri Lovedog, Shyam Benegal, Kabir Helminski, Chloe Webb, Charis Wilson, Wavy Gravy, Chip Lord, Paul Ruebens, Larry Harvey, David Best, Arthur Rosato and Judy Bouley.

Jane Sullivan, Founder and Director commented, “As we enter our eighth year, we look forward to considering and selecting work from the best and brightest film makers around the world. The Santa Cruz Film Festival is truly a world class artistic experience and we invite all film and video artists to submit their work.”

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The Santa Cruz Film Festival is a 501(c)3 non-profit arts organization committed to bringing new moving image art from around the globe showcasing it in the Great Monterey Bay Area.

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