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ASPIRING, YOUNG FILMMAKERS CALLED TO MAKE THEIR MARK ON FILM
Call for entries for fifth annual SXSW Film competition

Austin, TX - November 10, 2008 - The South by Southwest (SXSW) Film Conference and Festival announces the call for entries for the fifth annual Texas High School Film Competition. This popular and unique competition is a featured track of the internationally recognized SXSW Film Festival, scheduled for March 13-21, 2009 in Austin, Texas.

“Not long ago young adult filmmakers were admired just for getting a film made regardless of quality and content, as emulating film language was so hard to do,” said Janet Pierson, producer of SXSW Film Conference and Festival. “The advances in technology have changed everything bringing with it astonishing and visionary work from our youngest filmmakers.”

Over the course of its existence, the SXSW Texas High School Film Competition has had hundreds of filmmakers submit their work. SXSW looks forward to another successful year of showcasing young Texas talent with the continued collaborative effort with its partners, the Austin School of Film and Media Arts Center and 4empowerment.com.

The competition is open to all Texas high schools' students enrolled in 9th through 12th grades for the full 2008-09 academic year. Only films completed in 2008 will be considered. Films must be less than five minutes in length and all films that are chosen as finalists will be shown in a special program as part of the regular SXSW Film 2009 schedule. Final judging will be done by independent filmmakers and industry leaders.

The submission deadline for the 2009 SXSW Texas High School film competition is December 20, 2008. There is special, discounted submission fee of \$10.

For more information, visit

http://sxsw.com/film/screenings/submissions/texas_high_school

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