MAKE YOUR OWN SUCCESS AS A WRITER!

SCRIPTBIZ™ 2009 SCREENWRITING WORKSHOP

Screenwriting Workshop to take place at this year’s
Rhode Island International Film Festival

(PROVIDENCE, RI • July 16, 2009) The Rhode Island International Film Festival’s ScriptBiz™ Screenwriting Forum, now in it’s ninth year, has developed a full day program of interactive and informational workshops for 2009. ScriptBiz was created for aspiring authors desiring to learn what it takes to be a successful screenwriter. Special Guests this year include RON TIPPE (producer of animated hits Space Jam and Everyone’s Hero), CHRIS SPARLING (Scarred Heel Productions, screenwriter of feature film Buried starring Ryan Reynolds), KIM POLSON (Saturday Night Live, writer and producer for TV’s Your Body, Your Health; Reader Digests’ Lifetime; It’s Your Money; Good Morning New York), filmmaker EDWARD DELANEY (Assistant Editor of The Nieman Journalism Lab at The Nieman Foundation for Journalism at Harvard University, producer of The Times Were Never So Bad), RANDY STEINBERG (Boston University’s Film and Television Department Motion Picture Industry Coordinator), NATE CATUCCI (Founder of Obscura Pictures, director and writer of award-winning film, Crushed, Big Hope Films) and DAVID BETTENCOURT (Your Must Be This Tall to Ride, On the Lake).

ScriptBiz™ was originally created to not only guide the creative process of writing a successful screenplay, but also the delicate art of promoting to filmmakers through effective networking and making a compelling and incisive pitch.

“This year, we’re showing writers that there isn’t just one path to success. Opportunities for success are truly endless,” says Jenn Dlugos (award-winning screenwriter, educator, and a Scriptbiz™ coordinator for the RIFF.) “Whether you are trying to write your first script or have a few scripts under your belt, there’s something for you to learn at Scriptbiz!”

To apply to the 2009 ScriptBiz™ workshop, fill out and submit the downloadable application at URL: http://www.film-festival.org/pdf/Scriptbiz09.pdf. The total cost of this year’s workshop is $110. RIFF Screenplay contestants, College faculty or teachers, and students receive a $10 discount to Scriptbiz.

For information, please contact Adam Short, RIFF Producing Director at adams@film-festival.org, or Jenn Dlugos at jmdlugos@juno.com. Or call the Festival's office at (401) 861-4445.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE, MONDAY AUGUST 3rd.
8:30  REGISTRATION

9:00 – 12:00 p.m. “Making Your Own Success as a Writer” panel with Kim Polson, Randy Steinberg, Dave Bettencourt, Edward J Delany, Nate Catucci, and Chris Sparling. Participants will learn the ins and outs of script writing, and how to market their work.

12:00  LUNCH (not included)

1:00 – 4:00 p.m. THE WRITE APPROACH workshop with Ron Tippe (Producer of Space Jam and Everyone’s Hero).

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Stage performance of 2009 Grand Prize Screenplay Winner, "The Placeholder" by Amy Neswald; USA. Competition Winner casted by AHTSPOT.com

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ABOUT THE RHODE ISLAND INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL:
The Rhode Island International Film Festival (RIIFF) discovers and empowers filmmakers. Held in Providence, and locations throughout the state of Rhode Island, RIIFF is one of only a handful of festivals worldwide that is a qualifying event for the Academy Awards (i.e. “Oscars”). RIIFF incorporates gala celebrations, premiere screenings, VIP guests, industry seminars, educational programs, and award ceremonies into a weeklong extravaganza. Cited as one of the “Best International and Short Film Festivals in the United States,” RIIFF is New England’s largest film festival, screening a record 235 films. Its innovative programming, cultivated industry ties, and loyal audiences have made the Festival a strategic and desirable platform for film premieres, drawing hundreds of independent filmmakers from around the globe. This year’s Festival takes place August 4-9, 2009.

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