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THE 11th URBANWORLD VIBE FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES 2007 WINNERS

Winners Celebrated at Festival's Closing Awards Brunch on June 24

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(New York, NY)—The 11th Annual Urbanworld VIBE Film Festival today announced the winners for feature, documentary, short film, screenplay and audience award categories. The four-day festival was held June 21-24 in New York City; wrapping up on Sunday, June 24 with a closing awards brunch to congratulate the competition's winners. Urbanworld, which screened 49 films this year, is the largest internationally competitive festival dedicated to the exhibition of independent cinema by and about people of color.

The 11th Annual Urbanworld VIBE Film Festival winners are:

Best Narrative Feature Film

Tie A Yellow Ribbon

Directed By Joy Dietrich, Produced By Joy Dietrich & Thomas Young
Awarded \$5,000 cash prize by Image Entertainment

Honorable Mention: *The Matrimony*

Directed By Teng Huatao & Produced By Wang Zhonglei & Du Jiayi

Best Documentary Feature Film

Hellfighters

Directed & Produced By Jon Frankel
Awarded \$5000 cash prize by HBO

Honorable Mention: *Peace Process*

Directed By Katina Parker & Produced By Daheli Hall

Best Narrative Short Film

Pariah

Directed By Dee Rees, Produced By Nekisa Cooper
Awarded \$2,500 cash prize from Urbanworld Foundation, Inc.

Honorable Mention #1: *Pop Foul*

Directed By Moon Molson, Produced By Jennifer Handorf & Moon Molson

Honorable Mention #2: *By Standing: The Beginning Of An American Lifetime*

Directed & Produced By Karen Lin

Best Documentary Short Film

Lil' Skrappy Boy

Directed & Produced By Alex C. Munoz
Awarded \$2,500 cash prize from Urbanworld Foundation, Inc.

Best Screenplay

Money Matters

Written By Ryan Richmond

Awarded \$5,000 cash prize by Warner Bros. Entertainment & Warner Independent Pictures

Audience Award Winner

August The First

Directed By Lanre Olabisi; Produced By Nicky Arezu Akmal, Shawn Alexander, Lanre Olabisi, & Gabriel Sedgwick

Awarded \$5,000 in film stock by Kodak

Honorable Mention: *Beyond The Steps*

Directed & Produced By Phil Bertelsen

The Urbanworld VIBE Film Festival also honored **Jerry LaMothe** with special recognition and the **Director Spotlight Award**. Mr. LaMothe opened this year's festival with his film, *Blackout*, and began his relationship with Urbanworld 10 years ago as an intern for the festival. LaMothe then premiered his first film, "Amour Infinity," at Urbanworld in 2000.

"On behalf of the 2007 Urbanworld VIBE Film Festival, I proudly congratulate the talented winners of the Festival's 11th annual competition," said Stacy Spikes, founder of **Urbanworld**. "With the generous support and encouragement of both the Hollywood community and our sponsors, Urbanworld continues to wholeheartedly embrace excellence in films by and about people of color, and that represents diverse perspectives; which was well represented in its full spectrum in the Festival's 2007 winners."

Highlights of The 11th Annual Urbanworld VIBE Film Festival included the world premiere of **Mr. Untouchable**, a documentary chronicling the life and times of infamous Harlem drug dealer, Nicky Barnes.

Urbanworld continued a strategic partnership with **VIBE magazine**, the preeminent brand in urban music and culture, to serve as the exclusive national urban consumer magazine, providing pre- and post-event exposure in the magazine and on VIBE.com in support of the Festival.

ABOUT Urbanworld:

Urbanworld was launched in August 1997 by founder Stacy Spikes, a former executive at Miramax. Over the past ten years, Urbanworld has presented approximately 600 features, shorts and documentaries, with estimated attendance reaching 15,000. Now in its eleventh year, the Urbanworld VIBE Film Festival is the largest internationally competitive festival of its kind. The Urbanworld VIBE Film Festival is an initiative delivered by the **Urbanworld Foundation**, a nonprofit organization dedicated to redefining the role of multicultural constituents in contemporary cinema by implementing programs and events that support the development and success of the urban filmmaking community. Spikes serves as chairman emeritus. Gabrielle Glore serves as executive producer. For more information, please visit www.urbanworld.org.

ABOUT VIBE:

VIBE Media Group, an affiliate of The Wicks Group of Companies, L.L.C., is a leading music/lifestyle media company that publishes the award-winning VIBE magazine, the preeminent brand in urban and music culture, which was founded by Quincy Jones in 1993. Additional VIBE Media Group properties include VIBE VIXEN magazine, which was launched in

2005 and reaches over 4.5 million women; Vibe.com; Comcast's VIBE video-on-demand channel; The VIBE Awards; the wireless content service mVibe; and VIBE Books, which published The New York Times bestseller, Tupac Shakur

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