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LOS ANGELES UNITED FILM FESTIVAL
A UNITED SHOWCASE OF ART AND CREATIVITY
APRIL 30th - MAY 7th, 2009
LOS FELIZ 3 CINEMAS 1822 Vermont Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90027

Los Angeles, CA March 25th, 2009 *The Los Angeles United Film Festival*, bringing art and creativity together to create a united film community, will be held at the historic Los Feliz 3 Cinema on April 30th - May 7th. The festival's focus is to bring together talented filmmakers from diverse backgrounds, thus creating a "United" showcase of creative energy and talent. This is 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!

Los Angeles United is proud to present an amazing list of Feature-Length Narratives and Documentaries. All films will be Los Angeles Premieres or Special Engagement Screenings and will be preceded by a few Award-Winning Short Films.

Our kickoff film *Last Cup: Road to the World Series of Beer Pong* covers the fascinating and fast growing underground sport of beer pong is playing at historic the Vista Theatre on April 30th. Also playing is *The Shark is Still Working*, a captivating documentary about one of Hollywood's biggest blockbusters of all time, *Jaws*. In attendance will be *Jaws* Screenwriter, Carl Gottlieb, Production Designer, Joe Alves and legendary Makeup Effects Artist, Gregory Nicotero, who is bringing a *Jaws* shark head. To gear up for the documentary, come out to our special screening of *Jaws* and see Steven Spielberg's classic on the big screen. Check our website for other celebrities in attendance including Dean McDermott and his reality show crew for *Saving God* and longtime disc jockey, Jim Ladd who will introduce *Airplay*. Other films in our lineup are *The Perfect Cappuccino*, *Super High Me*, *Fagbug*, *Playing Columbine*, *Secrets to Love*, *Abraham Obama*, *Happy Birthday Harris Malden*, *Faded Glory*, *Rhyme & Punishment*, *Spitting Game: The College Hook Up Culture*, *Rock-afire Explosion*, *Holy Hollywood and Rock, Paper, Scissors: The Way of the Tosser*.

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, The Jack Rabbit Collection and ProductionHub.com. CBS' Todd David Schwartz hails Los Angeles United as "the best film festival you've never heard of."

***All film screenings are \$10, All Access Passes are \$75 & Mini Passes are \$35.*

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

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