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12th annual MovingMedia Student Film Festival to take place June 20-24

DETROIT, Mich. – The MovingMedia Student Film Festival will take place June 20-24 at Wayne State University. The four-day celebration will include multiple screenings and a day-long TechFair, which offers an array of free classes, workshops and panel discussions reflecting current practices in the film industry.

The festival kicks off Wednesday, June 20 with a reception at the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA). The reception will feature Writer, Director & Producer Sam Kadi; DIA Film Curator and Detroit Film Theater Founder Elliot Wilhelm; Michigan Film Office President Carrie Jones and Anna Fleury, director of the Michigan Creative Film Alliance film *Beauty Queen*. A screening of *Beauty Queen* and other films will immediately follow the reception.

Festival screenings will take place from 7-11 p.m. Thursday, June 21 through Saturday, June 23. An outdoor movie will wrap up the screenings on Saturday, June 23. The festival will conclude with an awards ceremony on Sunday, June 24. For more information, visit www.movingmediafilmfestival.com.

The TechFair will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 23 at Wayne State University. It will feature film industry professionals such as Hollywood special effects and makeup artist Daniel Philips; screenwriter Wayne McLean; storyboard artist Jeff Jantz; producer Charles Cirkenski and actor Christopher Bondy. The TechFair will offer many other free educational and training opportunities reflective of practices utilized in today's film industry. Please visit www.movingmediafilmfestival.com/#!/techfair for more information.

This year's festival includes categories in narrative, documentary, music video, experimental, animation and new media genres. "For the first time in MovingMedia history, we have decided to offer a high school category," said Kelly Gottesman, MovingMedia's coordinator. High school and college student filmmakers can submit their entries until May 30, 2012 at: www.movingmediafilmfestival.com/#!/submissions.

MovingMedia announces its third consecutive year in partnership with the Detroit-Windsor International Film Festival (DWIFF). DWIFF is one of America's leading new film festivals and is dedicated to showcase the newest and most diverse voices of independent film. For more information, visit: www.dwiff.org. Additional partners include, the Detroit Film Theatre, the Digital Arts Film & Television and sponsors, Michigan Film Office, N-Media, Barnes & Nobles, Apple, Redrock Micro, Tiffen, Canon, Vimeo Tim Hortons, Better Made, Ethnic Bakery & Deli and Susan G. Komen, Race for the Cure.

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Wayne State University, located in the heart of Detroit's cultural center, is a premier institution of higher education, offering more than 400 academic programs through 13 schools and colleges to nearly 32,000 students. The Department of Communication is a vital division of Wayne State's College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts and carries on a tradition of leadership in filmmaking practices.