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Calling Screen Writers and Movie Fans: ScriptBiz™ Returns in August

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (July 9, 2008)– Do you have a story idea that you feel would make a great film? Hopeful screenwriters, **ScriptBiz™** is coming this August to Providence, RI. **ScriptBiz™** is a two-day workshop created and presented by the **Rhode Island International Film Festival**. Instructors are professional filmmakers, directors, writers, and other experienced members of the film community who will guide students down the right path to putting their creative ideas onto paper and getting their final product into the right hands. This year's topics will include: informative instruction on promoting work to appropriate filmmakers; making an appealing pitch, as well as learning to network with the right people; training writers on the specific aspects of storytelling, including plot, character, and dialogue; instruction on using appropriate computer software and formatting tools to aid in the writing process. Finally, students will learn how to market their story and receive compensation for their final screenplays.

ScriptBiz™ will take place **August 4-5**, a great welcoming introduction to the **Rhode Island International Film Festival**, which kicks off the evening of August 5th. **ScriptBiz™ 2008** will be held at the **Renaissance Providence Hotel**, 5 Avenue of the Arts, Providence, RI.

Monday's workshop will begin at 9 a.m. Registration takes place between 9 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. and the day ends at 6 p.m. Tuesday's program begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. The fee for each day is \$105, or \$150 for both workshops. Refreshments will be served during morning and afternoon breaks. These have been helpful in the past, allowing panelists and attendees an opportunity to discuss their writing firsthand, while also building lasting connections.

This year's guests will include: **Tim McIntyre** from **Nickelodeon's Fairy Odd Parents**; **Chris Sparling** from **Scarred Heeled Productions**; **Pilar Alessandra**, whose clients have sold scripts to **Warner Brothers, Sony, and Fox**; and **Edward Delany**, who is a local screenwriting professor from **Roger Williams University**.

To apply to **ScriptBiz™ 2008**, fill out and submit the downloadable application on the film festival's website, www.film-festival.org. In celebration of this year's **12th Annual RIIFF**, we are offering a discount from the workshop's day pass to potential **ScriptBiz™** participants

who are students, stay-at-home parents, and those who have participated in past **ScriptBiz™** workshops.

For more information on **ScriptBiz™ 2008**, contact **Adam Short**, Producing Director of the **Rhode Island International Film Festival** at adams@film-festival.org; call the festival office headquarters at (401) 861-4445; or go to the official website at www.RIFilmFest.org

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 week long 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 300 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 5-10, 2008.

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