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2008 RHODE ISLAND INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

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CALLING ALL SCREENWRITERS:

SCRIPTBIZ™ SEEKS YOUR COMEDIC (OR OTHERWISE) SHORTS
JUNE 30TH DUE DATE FAST APPROACHING...

PROVIDENCE, **RI** (April 7, 2008)—No, we don't want to see your Homer Simpson boxers. What we do want is your wittiest or most thoughtful mini-masterpiece, postmarked by June 30th 2008!

For the fifth year in a row, **ScriptBiz**—the screenwriting seminar of the **Rhode Island International Film Festival** (RIIFF), August 5-10, 2008—will feature a Staged Reading of three Short Scripts of fifteen pages or fewer. The reading compliments two days of screenwriting workshops, which take place August 4-5th. Judges will select up to seven Finalists who will be listed on the website. Final Round Judges, including a NYC agent and two filmmakers, will select the Top Trio of Scripts from among the Finalists to be read by actors on Monday, August 4, 2008 at the Historic Columbus Theatre in Providence, Rhode Island.

Screenwriters interested in submitting should surf over to the RIIFF website at: http://www.RIFilmFest.org.

Three winners will be announced by email, on the website and in press releases by mid-July, and they will be listed in the festival's magazine-style brochure. Plus, the trio of winners will each receive two passes to attend the entire **ScriptBiz** event as our guests. All for only a \$25 entry fee!

But wait—there's more: three winning authors will also receive two All Access Festival Red Carpet Passes to attend the Rhode Island International Film Festival events and screenings (a \$900 value!). In addition, winners will be honored guests at a Meet-N-Greet of the authors and the actors following the Staged Reading.

So dust off your future academy winning short script and send it to us today. C'mon, don't be shy—show us your shorts!

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.

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