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MAKE YOUR OWN SUCCESS AS A WRITER!
SCRIPTBIZ™ 2009 SCREENWRITING WORKSHOP
Screenwriting Workshop to take place at this year's
Rhode Island International Film Festival

(PROVIDENCE, RI • July 16, 2009) **The Rhode Island International Film Festival's ScriptBiz™ Screenwriting Forum**, now in its ninth year, has developed a full day program of interactive and informational workshops for 2009. **ScriptBiz** was created for aspiring authors desiring to learn what it takes to be a successful screenwriter. Special Guests this year include **RON TIPPE** (producer of animated hits *Space Jam* and *Everyone's Hero*), **CHRIS SPARLING** (Scarred Heel Productions, screenwriter of feature film *Buried* starring Ryan Reynolds), **KIM POLSON** (*Saturday Night Live*, writer and producer for TV's *Your Body, Your Health*; *Reader Digests' Lifetime*; *It's Your Money*; *Good Morning New York*), filmmaker **EDWARD DELANEY** (Assistant Editor of The Nieman Journalism Lab at The Nieman Foundation for Journalism at Harvard University, producer of *The Times Were Never So Bad*), **RANDY STEINBERG** (Boston University's Film and Television Department Motion Picture Industry Coordinator), **NATE CATUCCI** (Founder of *Obscura Pictures*, director and writer of award-winning film, *Crushed*, Big Hope Films) and **DAVID BETTENCOURT** (*Your Must Be This Tall to Ride*, *On the Lake*).

ScriptBiz™ was originally created to not only guide the creative process of writing a successful screenplay, but also the delicate art of promoting to filmmakers through effective networking and making a compelling and incisive pitch.

"This year, we're showing writers that there isn't just one path to success. Opportunities for success are truly endless," says Jenn Dlugos (award-winning screenwriter, educator, and a **Scriptbiz™** coordinator for the RIIFF.) "Whether you are trying to write your first script or have a few scripts under your belt, there's something for you to learn at Scriptbiz!"

To apply to the 2009 **ScriptBiz™** workshop, fill out and submit the downloadable application at URL: <http://www.film-festival.org/pdf/Scriptbiz09.pdf>. The total cost of this year's workshop is \$110. RIIFF Screenplay contestants, College faculty or teachers, and students receive a \$10 discount to Scriptbiz.

For information, please contact Adam Short, RIIFF Producing Director at adams@film-festival.org, or Jenn Dlugos at jmdlugos@juno.com. Or call the Festival's office at (401) 861-4445.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE, MONDAY AUGUST 3rd.

8:30 REGISTRATION

9.00 -- 12:00 p.m. "Making Your Own Success as a Writer" panel with Kim Polson, Randy Steinberg, Dave Bettencourt, Edward J Delany, Nate Catucci, and Chris Sparling. Participants will learn the ins and outs of script writing, and how to market their work.

12.00 LUNCH (not included)

1.00 – 4:00 p.m. THE WRITE APPROACH workshop with Ron Tippe (Producer of *Space Jam* and *Everyone's Hero*).

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Stage performance of 2009 Grand Prize Screenplay Winner, "The Placeholder" by Amy Neswald; USA. Competition Winner casted by AHTSPOT.com

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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 weeklong 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 235 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 4-9, 2009.

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