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**TOP FILMS FROM THE DC SHORTS FILM FESTIVAL TO BE SHOWN
FEBRUARY 6 AND 7, 2009 - "BEST OF THE FEST"**

**"DC SHORTS" AND "OUR CITY" FILM FESTIVALS HOST JOINT PARTY
OPEN TO TICKET HOLDERS**

WASHINGTON—The best films from the 2008 DC Shorts Film Festival will be shown February 6 and 7, 2009 at the United States Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C. This "Best of the Fest" showing has something for everyone - including comedies, documentaries, dramas, animations and films by local and foreign filmmakers.

The 2008 DC Shorts Film Festival was held this past September and the winners were chosen by peer filmmakers, audience members and the DC Shorts Film Festival director. Many of these films have gone on to play numerous festivals, theaters and television broadcasts around the globe.

BEST OF THE FEST

WHEN: Friday, February 6 and Saturday, February 7, 2009; 7:00 - 10:00p.m.
includes an intermission

WHERE: United States Navy Memorial Burke Theater; 710 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
(METRO: Archives/Navy Memorial/Penn Quarter)

TICKETS: \$10 per show
Tickets can be bought with a credit card at DCShorts.com or at the door (cash only)

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BEST OF DC SHORTS AND OUR CITY FILM FESTIVALS CELEBRATION

WHEN: Saturday, February 7, 2009 at 10:00 p.m. - closing

WHERE: Bar Louie; 701 7th Street, NW; Washington, DC 20004
(METRO: Gallery Place)

TICKETS: Admission is free with a ticket from the Best of DC Shorts Saturday screening or a ticket from the Our City Film Festival

ETC: Nibbles and soda provided, cash bar.

FILMS TO BE SHOWN (Winners from the 2008 DC Shorts Film Festival)

The List (Best Cinematography)

A young woman finds herself being interrogated for espionage by the CIA.

La Tangente (Best HD Film)

A young man offers a woman a ride and they set off on a journey with no plans and no direction.

Bloom (Festival Director's Choice)

The only thing standing between a Rent-A-Cop and true love are the guard dogs on a used-car lot.

Nina Quebranda (Best Female Director)

A teenage girl runs away from Mexico for the promise of a better life, but finds herself in the nightmarish world of child prostitution.

Funniest Feds (Best Local Film)

The stand-up comedy competition featured over 30 contestants – all of whom work as federal employees in the DC area.

Irish Twins (Best First-Time Director)

On the eve of their father's funeral, Seamus and Michael gather at a local pub to confront the past.

A Land Called Paradise (Diversity Award)

In December 2007, over 2,000 American Muslims were asked what they wished to say to the rest of the world.

PATH (Filmmaker's Favorite)

A Manhattanite must decide if it's worth staying in his relationship, even if it means traveling to New Jersey.

Other Films to Be Shown (Audience Award Winners)

Tortilla

A man goes home to Mexico to visit his mother's grave and realizes a truth that will influence his future journey.

Speed Dating

After accidentally hitting Mr. Hot Super-Attentive Guy with her car, Kate decides to take an aggressive plunge into the dating world.

CU @ EDs

A couple meets for the first time after meeting online in a coffee shop, and things go from bad to worse.

The Bad News Bearer

A man delivers terrible news to people who don't want to hear it, on behalf of people who don't want to give it.

The Collinwood Campaign

Two bumbling junior advertising executives must deliver the pitch of a lifetime.

How My Dad Killed Dracula

On Halloween night, a father recounts the harrowing tale of how he fought and killed Dracula.

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