

SCRIPTAPALOOZA ANNOUNCES 13th ANNUAL SCREENWRITING COMPETITION FIRST PLACE WINNER TO RECEIVE TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS

Company Celebrates 13 Years of Connecting Aspiring Screenwriters with Leading Entertainment Executives including Hollywood Producers and Literary Agents

Los Angeles - Scriptapalooza today announces its 13th annual Screenplay Competition to continue its mission in providing unparalleled creative opportunities for aspiring screenwriters in the fiercely competitive entertainment industry.

From now until the April 18th deadline, writers will be able to submit their screenplays through www.Scriptapalooza.com. Participants will have their individual entries read by more than 90 leading filmmakers, production companies and literary agencies including Benderspink, Anonymous Content, Industry Entertainment, Lawrence Bender Productions and Barnstorm Films.

Endorsed by legendary author and screenwriter Robert McKee (*Story*) and the screenwriting software company Write Brothers Inc.

The first place winner, chosen by Scriptapalooza, receives a \$10,000 grand prize. In addition, Scriptapalooza offers its full support to the winner; finalists and semifinalists of the screenwriting challenge by promoting each work for one year after the winners' announcement.

"Since its inception in 1998, the Scriptapalooza Screenplay Competition has grown exponentially to become one of the well-respected competitions within the entertainment industry," says Mark Andrushko, president of Scriptapalooza. "Through this competition, we had scripts optioned, more than 40 scripts and opened new doors to unknown talent." Highlights include:

- 2009 Winner John Todd options his script *Madam I'm Adam* to Alan Ladd Productions.
- 2007 Finalist John Muscarnero shoots his film, *Dark Woods*.
- 2005 Winner Patrick Andrew O'Connor sells his movie *The Break-Up Artist* at Cannes Film Festival.
- 2005 Finalist Craig Clyde's film, *The Holidays* airs on Lifetime.
- 2006 Semi-Finalist Eric D. Howell shoots his short film, *Ana's Playground*.
- 2003 Semi-Finalist Rodney Johnson's *Queen Sized* airs on Lifetime.
- 2003 Scriptapalooza's TV Winner Barbara Schwartz wins EMMY for *Rugrats*.

About Scriptapalooza, Inc.

The Scriptapalooza Screenplay Competition was founded in 1998 with the goal of discovering promising writers and creating opportunities for them in the fiercely competitive entertainment industry. Divisions include Scriptapalooza Television Writing Competition and Scriptapalooza Coverage Professional Script Analysis.

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