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Academy Grants \$450,000 to U.S. Film Festivals

Beverly Hills, CA — The Academy Foundation of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences has awarded \$450,000 to 20 U.S. film festivals for the 2008 calendar year, Festival Grants Committee Chair Gale Anne Hurd announced today.

Two festivals, the Full Frame Documentary Film Festival and the Virginia Film Festival, will each receive a total of \$75,000 over a three-year period to help develop long-term projects. The Los Angeles Film Festival and the San Francisco International Film Festival will each receive \$50,000 this year as part of multi-year grants awarded in 2006 and 2007, respectively.

The 2008 Film Festival Program allocations are as follows:

\$50,000

Los Angeles Film Festival
San Francisco International Film Festival

\$30,000

Chicago International Children's Film Festival
Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival
San Francisco International Asian American Film Festival

\$25,000

Austin Film Festival
Full Frame Documentary Film Festival (Durham, NC)
Hawaii International Film Festival (Honolulu)
Virginia Film Festival (Charlottesville)

\$20,000

Ashland Independent Film Festival (OR)
Chicago Latino Film Festival
Environmental Film Festival in the Nation's Capital
Miami Gay & Lesbian Film Festival
St. Louis International Film Festival

\$15,000

Rochester/High Falls International Film Festival (NY)

\$10,000

African Diaspora Film Festival (New York, NY)
Palm Springs International Festival of Short Films
Reel Affirmations (Washington, D.C.)

\$8,000

Binational Independent Film Festival (El Paso, TX)

\$7,000

Anchorage International Film Festival (AK)

Since its establishment in 1999, the Academy's Festival Grants Program has distributed 143 grants totaling more than \$2.85 million in funding. For more information on the program, visit www.oscars.org/grants/filmfestival.

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