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**2005 NANTUCKET FILM FESTIVAL CELEBRATING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY
ANNOUNCES CALL FOR ENTRIES**

Film and Screenplay Submission Deadline: April 1

***Tenth Annual Nantucket Film Festival Takes Place on Nantucket MA
June 15 – 19, 2005***

January 27, 2005 (New York, NY) – The Tenth Annual Nantucket Film Festival® (NFF®) announced today “A call for Entries” for international and domestic feature films, short films & documentaries, screenplay competition submissions for Showtime’s Tony Cox Award for Screenwriting are also being accepted. The announcement was made by festival Executive Director Jill Burkhart and Artistic Director Mystelle Brabbee who added that the deadline for film and screenplay submissions is April 1.

Submissions will be accepted through the official festival website www.nantucketfilmfestival.org. Formats: 35mm, Video (Beta SP). Preview on VHS and DVD ONLY.

NFF® focuses on screenwriters & their craft and has established itself as a premiere U.S. film festival that continues to present an intimate forum for screenwriters, producers, agents and development executives. You’ll screen undiscovered films and screenwriting classics, enjoy Late Night Stories told by luminaries and locals alike, attend tributes, and encounter low-key informal discussions with screenwriters and filmmakers. Perhaps it’s the feeling of being removed from the mainland and on a remote island-- all in the spirit of celebrating storytelling-- that many attending talent seem inspired to make themselves unusually accessible to others. You may just find yourself in a spirited conversation with the likes of Will Ferrell, David Gordon Green, James Ivory or James Shamus.

The films will unspool on picturesque Nantucket Island from June 15 – 19th. The festival screens both domestic and international features, world and U.S. premieres, shorts, docs and video from every genre, all selected with an eye towards storytelling. Q & A’s with the writers and filmmakers follow each screening.

NFF® signature events such as the NBC Universal Screenwriters Tribute (this year’s honor goes to Steve Martin, past honorees include Paul Schrader, Ring Lardner Jr. and Ruth Praver Jhabvala), the perennially popular Late Night Storytelling Event, Panel discussions, “Morning Coffee With...®” series, Staged Readings, Teen’s View on NFF Program, Screenwriters Colony, Screenwriter’s Mentorship Program and Free Beach Screenings under the stars are also being planned. Details on that will be forthcoming.

Last year the NFF® presented 50 feature and short films and honored screenwriter Charlie Kaufman contributing to the acknowledgment of his film efforts. Celebratory guests included Michel Gondry, Spike Jonze, Jim Carrey, Peter Farrelly, Zach Braff, Josh Marston, Anne Meara, John Irving to name a few. The Festival also presented two staged readings: Sideman, a screenplay adaptation by Warren Leight and Waverly Street, by local Nantucketer/Actor John Shea.

NFF® Awards include Showtime's Tony Cox Award for Screenwriting, Best Writer/Director Award, Best Screenwriting in a Feature Film and Short Film, Audience Awards for Best Feature and Short Film, Best Storytelling in a Documentary Feature and Teen's View on NFF Short Film Award.

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