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SIDEWALK ANNOUNCES OPENING NIGHT FILM

Comedy from the team that brought us NAPOLEON DYNAMITE set to open the 8th annual film festival

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – **THE SASQUATCH DUMPLING GANG** will open the 8th annual Sidewalk Moving Picture Festival on Friday, September 22 at 8 pm at the Alabama Theatre, according to festival director and co-founder Erik Jambor.

From the team that brought you NAPOLEON DYNAMITE, the film is a comedy about a young, fantasy/sci-fi aficionado Gavin Gore (Jeremy Sumpter) and his friends who stumble onto some huge footprints in the woods. A local cop, reporter and a renowned Sasquatch authority investigate, while two of Gavin's dim-witted neighbors hatch a scheme to profit from the situation.

THE SASQUATCH DUMPLING GANG stars Jeremy Sumpter (PETER PAN), Justin Long (ACCEPTED, DODGEBALL, DREAMLAND), Joey Kern (SUPER TROOPERS, XX/XY), Carl Weathers (“In the Heat of the Night”, HAPPY GILMORE) and Rob Pinkston (“Punk’d” Nickelodeon’s “Ned’s Declassified School Survival Guide”).

Writer/director Tim Skousen and star Joey Kern are scheduled to attend the Opening Night Celebration and participate in a Q & A following the film.

“This is the perfect film to open our 8th annual festival,” Jambor said. “This film has received a lot of critical praise over the last few months and having the chance to bring it to Birmingham, where people are eager to see new films, is truly groundbreaking for the festival. It is guaranteed to please all audiences.”

Other awards to be presented this evening will be announced in the coming weeks.

The 2006 Sidewalk Moving Picture Festival is set for September 22-24 in downtown Birmingham’s historic Theatre District. Opening Night tickets (\$10 in advance / \$13 at the door) and Weekend Passes (\$25 / \$20 for Sidewalk members and students with valid ID) are available by calling 1-800-590-4043 or online at www.sidewalkfest.com. Single Film Tickets will be available for \$7 each (or three for \$15) during the festival weekend. **Tickets go on sale Thursday, August 25.** Additional information is available online at the festival website at www.sidewalkfest.com.

The 2006 Sidewalk Moving Picture Festival is sponsored by Stella Artois, EBSCO Industries, Black and White, Alabama Power Foundation, WBRC Fox 6, Charter Communications, Bright House Networks, al.com, Children’s Hospital and Birmingham magazine and is made possible, in part, by the Jefferson County Commission through the Jefferson County Community Arts Fund administered by the Cultural Alliance of Greater Birmingham.

The Sidewalk Moving Picture Festival is a project of the Alabama Moving Image Association, Inc., a publicly supported 501(c)(3) non-profit organization created to inspire, encourage and support films and filmmaking in Alabama.

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About Sidewalk Moving Picture Festival

The Sidewalk Moving Picture Festival, a celebration of new independent cinema in downtown Birmingham, takes place the last weekend of September. Since its debut in 1999, filmmakers from across the country and around the world have come to Birmingham to screen their work at Sidewalk and have been thrilled to discover fresh, enthusiastic crowds eager to devour new independent cinema. The atmosphere at Sidewalk is electric with creativity and collaboration as film-lovers and filmmakers mix and mingle between screenings, participate in SideTalk panel

discussions at the Sidewalk Tech Center, or simply enjoy food and live music at the Sidewalk Cafe located at 'G'. Don't miss your chance to be a part of what the *Ultimate Film Festival Survival Guide* calls "One of the Top 10 Film Festival Vacations."

In 2005, the Sidewalk Moving Picture Festival was honored to recognize Mr. John C. Reilly with the inaugural Spirit of Sidewalk award, for his amazing body of work. Other past attendees of the festival include: Peter Gilbert (HOOP DREAMS), Amber Benson (BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER), Mary Kay Place (THE BIG CHILL), Mary Lynn Rajbuski (24, PUNCH DRUNK LOVE, SWEET HOME ALABAMA), Dash Mihok (THE THIN RED LINE, ROMEO + JULIET), Dan Myrick (BLAIR WITCH PROJECT), Vincent Kartheiser (ER, ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE, ANGEL), Chris Gore (IFC, FilmThreat.com), Daniel Wallace (BIG FISH), Gill Holland (HURRICANE STREETS), Adrian Grenier (HBO's ENTOURAGE, Woody Allen's CELEBRITY), Louise Fletcher (ONE FLEW OVER THE CUKOO'S NEST), David Keith (AN OFFICER AND A GENTLEMEN), Chris Mulkey (TWIN PEAKS) and many more up and coming award winning filmmakers and stars.