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The MANHATTAN SHORT Film Festival
Friday, October 1st, 2010 and Saturday, October 2nd, 2010
Screening starts at 8 pm
URBAN-15 Studio, 2500 S. Presa, 78210
\$8 General Admission
\$5 Military, Artists, Students, and Seniors

Audiences in 204 Cities Spanning 6 Continents Unite for One Week for One Cause . . .to Judge the 10 Finalists in the Annual MANHATTAN SHORT Film Festival

New York, NY – Sept. 13, 2010 – Filmgoers in San Antonio will unite with audiences in 203 cities spanning six continents to view and judge the next generation of filmmakers for the 12th Annual MANHATTAN SHORT Film Festival to screen at **the URBAN-15 Studio** on Fri 10/1 & Sat 10/2 at 8pm

Out of 440 entries received from 43 countries around the world, MANHATTAN SHORT selected 10 short films as finalists. Each film is 15 minutes or under in length. Countries represented this year include Australia, Canada, UK, Germany, Croatia, Ireland, Mexico, France, Poland and Italy in what festival organizers describe as the “United Nations of film festivals.”

These short films will not only entertain a global audience but will be judged by them as well. Filmgoers will be handed a voting card upon entry and asked to vote for the one film they feel should win. Votes are tallied at each participating cinema and submitted to festival headquarters where the winner will be announced in New York City on Sunday, October 3 at 10:00 pm.

With past finalists achieving the ultimate in recognition by being nominated and even winning the Oscar in the short film category, the MANHATTAN SHORT has become known as a testing ground for the next big thing.

In one week, over 100,000 people from as far north as St. Petersburg, Russia to as far south as Buenos Aires, Argentina, as far east as Katmandu, Nepal and as far west as Perth, Australia will come together to view and vote on these 10 films. “While the goal of any festival is to discover and promote new talent, the real aim of this festival is to bring communities together via stories from around the world,” says Nicholas Mason, MANHATTAN SHORT founder and director.

The URBAN-15 Studio is one of only three places in the state of Texas selected to screen these short films. For more information on the Festival and to read detailed interviews with the 10 Finalists visit www.ManhattanShort.com

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Download 300 dpi stills of the finalist films at http://www.manhattanshort.com/p_finalist_stills.html

For information about the screening, call the URBAN-15 Studio at 736-1500 or visit www.urban15.org.

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