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Experimentation and Enthusiasm: UWinnipeg's Third Annual Student Film Festival

WINNIPEG – Manitoba's student filmmakers will once again have the opportunity to strut their stuff at The University of Winnipeg's Third Annual Student Film Festival, sponsored by UWinnipeg's Department of Theatre and Drama. Now in its third year, the highly successful film festival features screenings, a film presentation and Q&A with award-winning Winnipeg filmmaker **Sean Garrity**, as well as the chance to be first to see works by hot new filmmakers. Admission is free and all events are open to the public.

More than 25 student-made films from throughout Manitoba will compete for awards in the categories of Best Screenplay, Best Cinematography, Best Editing, Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Director, and Best Film. The Awards Jury will be comprised of local professionals and audience members will have their say as they vote for Audience Favourite.

Screenings:

Wednesday, April 20 and Thursday, April 21 from 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Gala Evening:

Friday, April 22 at 7:00 p.m.

- World premiere of *Roommates*, a half hour drama produced by senior UWinnipeg Filmmaking students
- Special guest Sean Garrity will show clips from his most recent film, followed by a Q&A
- Awards Presentation and Screening of the Festival's award-winning films
- Closing reception

All events will take place at The University of Winnipeg in Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall (3rd Floor, Centennial Hall).

The Department of Theatre and Drama at UWinnipeg offers programs in Acting, Design, Drama in Education, Filmmaking, Playwriting, and Production / Stage Management. Our classes are small, our programs are practical, and our faculty is comprised of highly respected and award-winning professionals who are experienced teachers and remain active in their disciplines, bringing relevant and up-to-date instruction to our students.

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