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### **UWinnipeg's Fourth Annual Student Film Festival A Runaway Hit**

WINNIPEG—The University of Winnipeg's Fourth Annual Student Film Festival, held April 26-28, 2006 at The University of Winnipeg, attracted 71 submissions from 55 student filmmakers—almost double the number received in 2005. Attendance at the annual event continues to climb and the move to a province-wide invitation to post-secondary filmmakers for submissions assured a high level of competition.

Film submissions came from University of Manitoba, Red River College, and University of Winnipeg students. Festival highlights included the screening of 32 films selected by a committee of three local film instructors; the world premiere of *The Big Job*, a half-hour comedy produced by senior UWinnipeg filmmakers; Special Guest **Jeff Erbach** who screened his new half-hour film *Around Sanford* and held a lively Q & A session. Film festival attendees also took part in a gala awards ceremony, screening, and reception.

This year's Awards Jury was composed of **Scott Collins** (Production Supervisor at the Prairie Studio of the National Film Board); **George Godwin** (a film editor who works in both documentary and drama); and, **Mike Maryniuk** (currently the Interim Production Coordinator at the Winnipeg Film Group).

The following filmmakers were recognized as The University of Winnipeg 2006 Student Film Festival winners:

Editing: **Matthew Kennedy** for *Rasguño*

Cinematography: **Tasha Vinci** for *What Will the Neighbours Say?*

Sound: **Chris Bryan** for *Der Junge ist Kranke*

Screenplay: **Kellie J. Thomson** for *What Will the Neighbours Say?*

Actor: **Nick Friesen** for *Splitzville*

Actress: **Talia Pura** for *What Will the Neighbours Say?*

Director: **Jesse Peterson** for *Der Junge ist Kranke*

Film: **Jesse Peterson, Chris Bryan, and Alex Carney** for *Der Junge ist Kranke*

Audience Favourite: **Mauro Ferrito** for *Drinking Jack*

The Fifth Annual University of Winnipeg Student Film Festival is scheduled for April 25-27, 2007. Full submission and festival information will be posted at <http://theatre.uwinnipeg.ca> after January 8, 2007.

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