

## **Creative Director Joe Stinson: So Long but Not So Long!**

(Cape May, NJ) Although Joe Stinson is leaving the area for a new home in North Carolina, he is by no means leaving his post as Creative Director of the Cape May Film Society. "When you have a treasure like Joe, you find ways to keep him around," says Rob Riehl, Member of the Society's Board of Govenors. "There's so much that Joe can do from a distance that we felt there was no reason to make any final goodbyes." The theme for a party hosted by the Society and Hilary & Chuck Pritchard, "So Long (But Not So Long!)," captured the spirit of the new relationship between the organization and one of its founding members.

"There's nothing email, conference calls, and an occasional trip can't solve," says Riehl, who also sits on the Film Society's Program and Membership Committee. "He'll return to Cape May periodically to work with students participating in the annual Summer Film Camp, screenwriting programs, and to be a guest presenter of special film society programs in the year." Stinson also will stay on to work with the winners of the Society's "Set in Cape May" Screenplay Competition-- where the grand prize was the filming of the movie based on the winning screenplay.

One of Joe's students, Luke Anderson, writes: "When I started the boot camp in 2004, I never would have imagined that five years later, I would have completed three screenplays and an entire short film." Sarah Bourgeau, another student, writes: "Anyone who attended came away with a much clearer understanding of film, story, plot, filmmaking, and one of Joe's useful phrases as a guide: 'If it's not on the page, it's not on the stage.'"