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## **Film Academy Hosts Seventh Annual Summer Camp**

(Cape May, NJ) The stage is being set for this year's Summer Camp hosted by the Cape May Film Academy, the education section of the Cape May Film Society. The weeklong program, running from June 23-27, will result in a screening of new student-produced movies on Friday, June 27. Last year, nearly two-dozen students participated in the program, which led to the creation of 23 films that were screened at the Cape May Film Festival last November.

Returning faculty include Stefan Prosky and J.C. Stinson. Prosky has been the Film Festival's Curator of Films for the past seven years, Prosky has been a 3-D animator and digital artist. He was formerly on faculty at the School for Visual Arts in New York City, where he earned his Masters of Fine Arts Degree in Computer Arts in 2001. He has also been a 3-D animator and Technical Director for Nickelodeon Digital Labs. Stinson has been an active part of the film camps and student programming for the Festival since the beginning in 2001. He is an actor and screenwriter, most famous for writing the famous Clint Eastwood line, "Go Ahead. Make my day."

New faculty for the camp include Tom Sims, a local filmmaker whose work has appeared in film festivals throughout the country as well as at the 2007 Festival de Cannes Short Film Corner. Susannah Newman is also a local filmmaker whose films about dance have appeared in Festival as well as at the Lincoln Center in New York City.

The camp is supported by many individual local donors, as well as the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, The Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, Delaware River Bay Authority, and the Cape May County Division of Culture and Heritage. Over the years, there have been many students who have gone on to major in film at the college level, some work for film companies (such as NFL Films), and others are putting the finishing touches on their own film projects. In the 2007 film camp, students left enthused about working in the film industry. For example, one student named Lily says, "Because of my time here, I plan to go on to the technical high school and learn more about film. Someday, my plan is to take college classes and make filmmaking my career."

Another student, Tyler, had this to say: "I've attended film camp for three years, and it's a cool program. All the instructors at the film camp are great at teaching and know what they're doing. I want to make a career out of filmmaking, and I'll probably take a double major in college of film and music because I also play bass guitar for a band. Maybe I'll direct music videos. I'm part of the TV media classes this year, and I'm reading the book 'Lipton on Filmmaking' for a book report."

The Cape May Film Society hosts New Jersey's premiere Film Festival dedicated to the support and presentation of creative, challenging, groundbreaking, film/video works by New Jersey filmmakers. The Society also operates the Cape May Film Academy, which is the region's leading educational and cultural resource for youth and adult learners interested in all facets of the cinematic experience. For more information about the Summer Camp, contact the Film Festival office at 609-884-6700 or visit them online at [www.njstatefilmfestival.com](http://www.njstatefilmfestival.com).

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