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## **Film Society Names Stinson Creative Director**

(Cape May, NJ) JC Stinson, Cape May's favorite Hollywood actor/screenwriter, has been appointed Creative Director for the Cape May Film Society. "This has been a long time coming," says Ed Henry, President of the Society. "We have had years of Joe's service to our Festival and for educational programming from the Cape May Film Academy," he says, "so this was a natural role for him to fill."

Stinson has presented several workshops and seminars over the years, including special screenings, film retrospective programs, and a screenwriter's workshop. "So much of our presentations that happen year round are because of Joe," says Corbin Cogswell, Chair of the Film Society's Program/Membership Committee. "There's been great clips programs on Dracula, war films, then there have been multiple series such as 'Buried Treasures,' 'Black White and Still Boffo,' and of course his latest installment, 'Hitchcock: Origins of Suspense.' Everybody that's been to a Stinson program knows they're high quality and always innovative. We're lucky to have him."

Of course, Stinson has worked extensively with Cape May Film Academy, the educational outreach of the Society. His work as an educator includes a screenwriting seminar and steady presence in the annual Film Camp for students. "Joe always has been there for the students of this community, and the students really value his programs and teaching style," says Gail Schmidtchen, Chair of the Society's Education Committee. "The results have been amazing, such as his work with students from the Richard M. Teitelman School and their production titled 'Mermaid Tears.' Joe also worked with local student Chad Shagren on his film 'Flying Kites,' which is an entry at the 2009 Sundance Film Festival." Since the inception of the Film Festival, Joe has graciously mentored many young filmmakers and has given his time freely," Schmidtchen noted.

"Hey, it's good to know I passed the audition," says Stinson, accepting the appointment. "Seriously, it's an honor to be a more integral part of the Society. We have quickly become a year-round presence in this community, and I realize how important this post is to maintaining that—and enhancing it in the future."

Other developments include the addition of John Alvarez and Deedie McMahon to our Film Festival Planning Committee as well as Sue Laudeman as a Special Advisor for Cape May Film Academy (she's been working to reach out to the parents of our Young Filmmakers). Also, Pat & Art Bourgeau have accepted an appointment to co-chair this year's Film Festival Planning Committee.

The Cape May Film Society hosts the Cape May Film Festival, which is 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 is also the region's leading educational and cultural resource for youth and adult learners interested in all facets of the cinematic experience.

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