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Call for Submissions: 2nd Annual University of Winnipeg Student Film Festival

WINNIPEG – The University of Winnipeg Theatre Department invites submissions for its **Second Annual University of Winnipeg Student Film Festival**.

Festival Dates:	Thursday, April 29 - Saturday, May 1, 2004
Location:	Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall (3rd Floor Centennial Hall), University of Winnipeg
Eligibility:	Students registered at a post-secondary institution in Manitoba between April, 2003 and April, 2004
Entry Fee:	No Charge
Deadline:	Monday, April 12, 2004

The Festival provides an opportunity for student filmmakers to have their work juried by a panel of local filmmakers, and to have their films screened before a public audience. Manitoba's new young filmmakers will have the opportunity to showcase their work before members of the local filmmaking community.

"I was amazed at the high quality of some of the films shown at last year's Festival," said University of Winnipeg Assistant Professor of Theatre and Drama (Film) John Kozak. "I've no doubt these students will change the face of filmmaking in the Province."

Submission forms are available on The University of Winnipeg campus at the UWSA Info Booth (Main Floor of Centennial Hall) and the office of the Department of Theatre and Drama (Room 3T03) or on the web at: <http://theatre.uwinnipeg.ca/filmfest.htm>. Films can be in any style, type, or genre (i.e. drama, documentary, or experimental), and must be between two and 30 minutes in length.

Successful entries will be announced on Monday, April 19. Screenings of all films will be held on April 29 and 30 from 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. A public forum, *Tales from the Trenches: Guerilla Filmmaking in Winnipeg (Tips, Tricks, and Techniques)* is scheduled for May 1 from 4:00-5:30 p.m. **A gala screening, awards ceremony and reception to celebrate the best films of the Festival will take place on Saturday, May 1 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Special Festival Guest Guy Maddin will screen his new film *Cowards Bend the Knee*.**

Prizes will be awarded for: Best Cinematography, Best Director, Best Editor, Best Film, Best Screenplay, Best Actor, Best Actress, and Audience Favourite.

This Festival is made possible through the generous support of The University of Winnipeg Office of the Vice-President (Academic), The University of Winnipeg Students' Association, and CKUW Radio.

The Festival is open to the public and admission is free.

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For more information go to <http://theatre.uwinnipeg.ca> or contact:

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