



THE EUROPEAN INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL 2010 ANNOUNCES FINAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS CLOSING

Filmmakers are invited to submit now through www.ecufilmfestival.com.

PARIS, FRANCE (8 January, 2010) – The European Independent Film Festival (ÉCU), Europe’s premier event for independent filmmakers and their audiences, announces the **final submission deadline is closing on 14 January 2010**.

The fifth edition of the festival is currently accepting submissions in **thirteen categories** including feature films, short films, documentaries, animation and experimental films.

Since its inception five years ago, ÉCU has become the **premier arena** in Europe for independent filmmakers to screen their films **to large international audiences**, to **network with producers**, talent scouts, agents and distributors as well as exchange ideas with other indie filmmakers. As a result, people are beginning to call the ÉCU Film Festival **Europe’s answer to Sundance**.

The ÉCU 2010 Official Selection will represent the pinnacle of independent filmmaking talent from around the world and filmmakers will compete for **twenty-two awards**, including the prestigious title of **“Europe’s Best Independent Film”**.

“I’m continually amazed at the quality of films submitted to the festival. The idea that there are people all over the world united by their overwhelming desire to tell a masterful story, often with limited resources, shows that the creative spirit of independent filmmaking is alive and kicking,” says Scott Hillier, ÉCU 2010’s President and Academy Award honoured independent filmmaker.

“We have one week before the final deadline which means things are heating up for our selection committee. I guarantee an official selection slate that exemplifies the heart, soul and passion of independent filmmaking,” promises Hillier.

The final deadline for submissions is January 14, 2010. Independent filmmakers are invited to submit their films at www.ecufilmfestival.com.

The European Independent Film Festival will be held at **Cinema Le Grand Action** in Paris, France from 12th-14th March, 2010.