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## **WINNING FILMS FROM INTERNATIONAL STUDENT COMPETITION AIR ON BRIGHT HOUSE NETWORKS' LOCAL ON DEMAND**

INDIANAPOLIS (Thursday, Aug. 30, 2007) – Student films from a global filmmaking competition hosted by the School of Informatics at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis and sponsored by Bright House Networks can now be seen on Bright House Networks' Local On Demand channel 600.

Twelve student filmmakers were winners at the 2007 VisionFest Aug. 16-18 at IUPUI.

Created in 2005 and held every other year, VisionFest is a student film, animation, sequential art and integrated media projects competition created by the New Media department of Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis School of Informatics. Its mission is to encourage, promote and support the development of students in pursuit of careers in animation, new media and interactivity.

"VisionFest's array of student films this year is unique and a perfect fit for our new Local On Demand programming," said Buz Nesbit, president of Bright House Networks Indiana. "We are excited to host these films that showcase the talents and skills of young artists, including some young filmmakers at IUPUI."

Local On Demand is free for Bright House Networks digital video subscribers and includes general interest locally based programming. Digital video subscribers can watch Local On Demand programming at any time according to their own schedules.

Projects are entered in one of three categories: 2-dimensional animation, 3-dimensional animation and sequential art, which includes comic books, graphic novels and digital animatronics. Entries are judged by professors and leaders in the film and animation industries. Judges who selected this year's winners included representatives from Disney Animation, Lucas Films, Warner Bros. Animation, DC Comics, Vancouver Film School and Indiana and Ball State universities.

One of only a few competitions in the world that solely showcases student work, VisionFest received nearly 200 entries this year from high school, undergraduate and graduate students from throughout the U.S. and as far away as Germany, Spain and Australia.

This year's winners (each received a \$1,000 cash prize):

### **2-DIMENSIONAL ANIMATION**

High school: Daniel Boccato, William H. Hall High School in Hartford, Conn.

Undergraduate: Malcolm Sutherland, Concordia University in Montreal, Quebec Canada

Graduate: Estaban Azuela, Vancouver Film School

Audience Choice awards: Trevor Barger, IUPUI School of Informatics, and Becki Halloway, Savannah College of Art and Design

MediaSauce Award for Best 2-D Animation: Estaban Azuela, Vancouver Film School

### **THREE-DIMENSIONAL ANIMATION**

High School: Aaron Gallimore, Dale Jackson Career Center in Lewisville, Texas

Undergraduate: Zach Parrish, Savannah College of Art and Design

Graduate: Kyle Winkleman, Savannah College of Art and Design

Audience Choice awards: Zach Parrish, Savannah College of Art and Design, and Johannes Uy, Sheridan College

Bright House Networks Award for Best 3-D Animation: Zach Parrish, Savannah College of Art and Design

### **SEQUENTIAL ART AWARDS**

High school: Shelby Bertsch, Perry Meridian High School in Indianapolis

Undergraduate: James Ward, IUPUI School of Informatics

Audience Choice award: Lauren Smith, IUPUI School of Informatics

Best Sequential Art Award: James Ward, IUPUI School of Informatics

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