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Campus MovieFest UK culminates on 4 December at Harold Pinter Theatre with incredible prizes, great exposure opportunities, and special presenters

(LONDON, ENGLAND) – 1 December, 2011 – Campus MovieFest (CMF), the world’s largest student film festival, concludes its inaugural UK tour with the CMF London Grand Finale on Sunday the 4th of December at 7pm at the Harold Pinter Theatre. The Grand Finale showcases the top short movies created by UK student filmmakers, with special presenters awarding prizes including trips to Campus MovieFest Hollywood this summer. Confirmed presenters include Oscar-winner Paul Franklin and Emmy-winner Shohreh Aghdashloo.

CMF has provided nearly 10,000 students in the UK over the past two months with everything they needed to make five minute movies in a week all for free – including Apple MacBook Pro laptops loaded with Final Cut Pro and iMovie, Panasonic HDC-SD90 Full High Definition camcorders, and support. Students participated in on-campus events at eight universities, including Oxford, Cambridge, University of Westminster, University of the Arts London, London School of Economics, University College London, King’s College, and University of Sussex. In addition, student filmmakers from dozens of other universities in the UK participated online.

Seventy-five of the top short movies will be screened at the CMF Festival Screenings at the Odeon Mezzanine in Leicester Square on the 3rd of December from 11am – 4pm. Then, the best of the best, selected by a panel of industry judges, will be screened along with award presentations at the Grand Finale the following night. Tickets are available online at <http://www.campusmoviefest.co.uk>

“Ever since we created CMF as students in 2001, it’s been our dream to share the events, and we couldn’t be more excited by the UK tour’s response. We’ve loved having the opportunity to provide UK students with the latest Apple and Panasonic gear and training, and we can’t wait to now showcase their creations on the big screen in London and worldwide,” said David Roemer, Co-Founder of CMF.

During the 2011-2012 CMF World Tour, CMF will visit over 75 colleges and universities around the globe, providing all the necessary equipment and training to nearly 100,000 students. The winners then come together at Campus MovieFest Hollywood in June 2012 for a weekend of workshops, screenings, networking events, pitch meetings, and awards. Last year’s Hollywood events took place at Warner Bros. Studios and Universal Studios, with industry luminaries including Elizabeth Banks, Max Minghella, Jeff Goldblum, John Cho, Gabourey Sidibe, Jack McBrayer, David Arquette, Kate Mara, and many more.

Campus MovieFest has provided exclusively Panasonic HD camcorders to CMF participants for the past three years in the United States, and was thrilled to continue working with Panasonic for its first UK Tour by providing the HDC-SD90 camcorder to all Campus MovieFest UK participants.

“Panasonic is delighted to be working with Campus MovieFest and to be able to engage young people in film making within the UK,” said Andrew Denham, Marketing Director, Panasonic UK. “Each of the participants will be able to use the latest Panasonic consumer camcorders to create a broad range of films. We are looking forward to helping to identify new film making talent and seeing these short films recognised through the competition.”

CMF began eleven years ago when four students at Emory University in Atlanta, GA USA, provided fellow students with everything they needed to make movies in one week. Since then, more than 500,000 students have received all the necessary technology and training to tell their stories for free thanks to corporate partners and universities. Past winners have walked away with over £1 million in prizes and seen their films on the big screens at CMF events worldwide, at Cannes, the major studios, and on millions of smaller screens including mobile devices, in-flight on Virgin America, and online.

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