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Campus MovieFest, College Battle of the Bands, and The Elfenworks Foundation Announce 2011 Finalists for the Elfenworks Social Justice Category

Recognizing Finalists at the International Grand Finale; Winner Earns $10,000 Cash Grant

Hollywood, CA, June 7, 2011- Campus MovieFest (CMF), the world's largest student film festival, in partnership with the Elfenworks Foundation (TEF), are pleased to announce the top finalists for the Elfenworks Social Justice Category. All finalists will screen their films at CMF's International Grand Finale (IGF) in Hollywood from June 23-26, and one winning student team will walk away with a $10,000 cash grant, with additional grants awarded to other finalists.

Over the last four years, CMF and The Elfenworks Foundation have invited students from across the country to create short films and music to submit content to a special category relating to mounting domestic issues, with winners earning cash grants to continue making positive contributions in the world.

This year's filmmakers and musicians were encouraged to look at how fear or hope might be contributing to poverty and/or inequality. Musician finalists will be recognized at the College Battle of the Bands Finale at The Echo on Friday, June 24, and filmmaker finalists will be honored at the Campus MovieFest International Grand Finale red carpet awards ceremony on Saturday, June 25, at the Steven J. Ross Theater on the Warner Bros studios lot.

"While we love seeing all the creative funny and dramatic content our students produce, we're always especially thrilled to see our students creating content that can fight social injustice," said David Roemer, Co-founder of Campus MovieFest. "We're honored to work with the Elfenworks Foundation on this vital cause, and grateful for their support and vision to empower the next generation of filmmakers and musicians."

Out of hundreds of impressive entries, The Elfenworks Foundation selected the following films as this year's finalists:

- Blind Eye – **University of South Florida** – A young man learns to take action against injustices.
- 100 Strong – **San Diego State University** - Random acts of neighborhood violence spark community residents to take action.
- Take the Hit – **University of California, Berkeley** – An intimate look at the serious realities of verbal abuse.
- The Busker – **Rutgers University** – Drawing upon the socioeconomic stigma of poverty by showing that humanity pervades wealth.

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"The students have done it again. They've created rock-the-nation films in creative and artistic ways. As always, it was hard for us to choose," said Lauren Speeth, founding CEO of Elfenworks, adding that "Tomorrow's hope rests on students, and this partnership with CMF is mobilizing their voices in a powerful new way. "

The following songs and artists were selected as this year's music finalists:

- Dedicate - **Fordham University** - by a Moment's Worth
- A Rock and a Hard Place - **The University of Wisconsin** - by Phonetic One
- Hope (nothing left to lose) – **The New School** - by Lunic

Winning films and songs will be announced after the International Grand Finale online at www.campusmoviefest.com and www.collegebattleofthebands.com

About The Elfenworks Foundation

Elfenworks is leading the way to a better America, one good thought at a time. Working on behalf of our country's marginalized citizens, we identify issues that aren't being effectively addressed, create change in new and different ways by bringing our unique skill-set to bear, and amplify our partners' successes through storytelling. In this way, we are "In Harmony With Hope." Find out more at http://www.elfenworksfoundation.org/

About Campus MovieFest:

CMF began ten years ago when four students at Emory University provided fellow students with everything they needed to make movies in one week. Since then, nearly 500,000 students have told their stories on the big screen, receiving all the necessary technology and training for free thanks to corporate partners and schools. Past winners have walked away with over $2 million in prizes and seen their films on the big screens at CMF events nationwide, at the prestigious Cannes Film Festival Short Film Corner, and on millions of smaller screens – including mobile devices, in-flight on Virgin America, and online. For more information about Campus MovieFest or to see the best CMF movies, visit www.campusmoviefest.com.

About College Battle of the Bands:

College Battle of the Bands (CBOB) was launched to help top emerging artists gain exposure and recognition. Any student band or music artist currently enrolled in an undergraduate program can submit music for free at www.collegebattleofthebands.com for a chance to be selected for a regional battle and beyond. College Battle of the Bands is presented by Chegg.com, with supporting partners GRAMMY U®, AT&T, Live Nation, SESAC, and the Elfenworks Foundation. The competition is produced by Ideas United and Blue Maze Entertainment, and awards more than $100,000 in total prizing each year. The series began in 2008 and has featured notable artists including Power, The Local Natives, Mike Posner, Allison Weiss, Daylight Broadcast, and many more.

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