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IMAGO FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES SPEAKERS

Judson University states what to expect at this year's festival

Judson University named the speakers that will present at the Imago Film Festival to be held March 31 – April 4, 2008 at Judson in Elgin. The speakers will lead sessions during the week, adding their insight and experience in filmmaking.

The keynote speaker on the creation of film is Stephen Vidano and he will present on Tuesday, April 1st. He has directed the documentary film *Star of Bethlehem* and the Frank Peretti film *Tilly*. Dr. Terry Wandtke, professor of literature and media, will be moderating the discussion of *Pan's Labyrinth*, the highly acclaimed feature film to be shown on Wednesday, April 2nd. The filmmakers' workshop will be led by filmmaker and media professor Darren Wilson, director of the documentary *Finger of God*, on Thursday, April 3rd. The keynote speaker on critical studies of film is David Dark and he will present on Friday, April 4th, the final day of the festival. He has written several books on the topic of religion and popular culture, including *Everyday Apocalypse: The Sacred Revealed in Radiohead, The Simpsons, and Other Pop Culture Icons* and *The Gospel According To America*, which was included in *Publishers' Weekly's* top religious books of 2005.

The film festival will include five days of film viewing, workshops, a keynote speaker and an awards ceremony. The full schedule for the Imago Film Festival can be viewed at www.imagofilmfestival.com. The prizes for award-winning filmmakers are as follows: Best of Show - \$1000; First Prize (1-15 min) - \$250; First Prize (15-30 min) - \$250; Audience Choice Award – Ipod Nano.

Admission to the film festival is \$3 each night or \$10 for a week-long pass and free for Judson faculty and students. A portion of the proceeds from tickets sales will go to aid victims of the shooting at NIU.

For more information about the Imago Film Festival, visit www.imagofilmfestival.com

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