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## FUSION FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES THE 2007 PROGRAM CELEBRATING WOMEN FILMMAKERS

New York, NY- (February 24, 2007)

The 4th Annual Fusion Film Festival at NYU's Tisch School of the Arts is proud to announce the 2007 Program.

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

### **Thursday March 1, 2007**

#### Reflections of a Life in Documentaries: Screening of Shut Up & Sing

Followed by a Discussion with Barbara Kopple. Moderated by Robert Christgau and Georgia Christgau

6:30-10:00pm

Cantor Film Center, 200

36 E.8<sup>th</sup> Street NY, NY 10003

*From her groundbreaking success with 1976's Harlan County U.S.A. to her newest film Shut Up & Sing, a documentary covering the aftermath of the anti-Bush commentary made about President Bush by lead singer of The Dixie Chicks, two-time academy award winner Barbara Kopple has established herself as one of the world's leading documentarians.*

### **Friday March 2, 2007**

#### Docs in the Works: Pitching Your Documentary,

11:00am-1:00pm

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*Winners of our student written documentary pitch competition will be pitching their work to a panel of industry guest in order to get feedback on not only their films but their all important pitching techniques. Panelists include: Milton Tabbot (IFP), Chris White (POV) and Jackie Glover (HBO).*

#### Special Documentary Film Screening – Highway Courtesans directed by Mystelle Brabbée

Moderated by Priyadarshini Shanker

1:30-3:30pm

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*Highway Courtesans follows an independent-minded young girl who is born into a centuries-old tradition of prostitution. Against the rich backdrop of rural India, we follow Guddi Chauhan from the age of 17 through 23 as she struggles against tradition, family and love in hopes of accomplishing her dreams.*

#### Writers to Watch: A reading of the Student Screenplay Competition Winners

4:00-6:00pm

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*Excerpts of the winning screenplays will be read by some of Tisch's most promising young actors.*

Filmmakers to Watch: Screening of Student Film Competition Finalists

7:00-10:00pm

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*Come see some of the most impressive work being done by all levels of Tisch students.*

*Screening will be followed by our award ceremony, which will honor Fusions best Graduate, Undergraduate and Sight and Sound students.*

**Saturday March 3, 2007**

From Nickelodeon to the Oscars: Women Animating the World

Moderated by Candy Kugel

11:00-1:00pm

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*Jennifer Oxley (Little Bill and Wonder Pets!), Candy Kugel (Munchies and Life), Debra Solomon (The Lizzie McGuire Movie) and Peggy Stern (Oscar winner for The Moon and the Son: An Imagined Conversation) will be sharing their experiences and insights into the growing field of animation and how women are booming in this traditionally male arena.*

The Origins of Female Filmmakers: Retrospective on the work of Lois Weber

1:30- 3:30pm

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*One of the first big directors of the silent era and the first women to director a feature film Lois Weber has left an indelible mark on film history. Join us for a screening of her groundbreaking films and a discussion on the legendary Lois Weber with Professor Moya Luckett.*

*\*Reception sponsored by the Cinema Studies Department to follow.*

Shorts from the Nantucket Film Festival: Women in the Festival Circuit

Moderated by Susan Sandler

7:30- 10:00pm

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*Short films are an important part of the industry and the corner stone of university film programs. Come learn about the value your short films can have as you embark on your career path. Films being screened include: Happiness, Why Don't You Dance, Fourteen, The Braggart, and The Tribe. Panel discussion with Dir Sophie Barthes, DP Andrij Parekh, Dir Kellen Hertz, and Sharon Badal (Tribeca Film Festival) to follow.*

For more information about the festival, contact Andrea D. Wong

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