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**New York University, Tisch, School of the Arts, Maurice Kanbar Institute of Film
And Television Presents
The Eighth Annual Fusion Film Festival Call for Entries**

New Deadline for All Categories and All Entries due on January 26th at 5:00 pm

The eighth annual Fusion Film Festival, a student run festival sponsored by Tisch, School of the Arts, has recently extended the deadline for all entries in all categories for the student film festival. The Fusion Film Festival celebrates women filmmakers, focusing on collaboration between men and woman in filmmaking, with a three-day film festival in the spring. The Festival features a student competition, industry screening, and a series of panels focused on the work of women directors and cinematographers.

The Fusion Film Festival, in collaboration with NYU's Stern and Tisch Entertainment Association (STEBA), recently launched this year with a reality show competition, "Pitching It To The Pros!" on October 29th. Six groups of competitors (two to three people with at least one male and one female member) pitched their reality show ideas to an audience, and a panel of judges of prestigious judges, which included Nancy Glass (six-time Emmy Winner, CBS, MSNBC) and Eric Neuhaus (ABC News).

The voting, conducted by both the audience and the panel of judges, revealed a tie between two finalist groups; "Surrogates: Donation of Love," presented by Mike Revenaugh, Bianca Ursillo, and Donald Sheldon, and "Now That's Fresh!" presented by Jacob Wasserman and Zoe Robyn. With the judges' help, these reality show pitches were presented to prominent television networks, and have recently been optioned. The winners are now working directly with television producers to develop their reality pitches into full-fledged reality shows.

The Fusion Film Festival is sponsored by New York University's Tisch School of the Arts, Kanbar Institute of Film and Television, and the Director's Series. The three-day Fusion Film Festival is scheduled to take place March 2nd – March 4th, 2011. For submission details see www.fusionfilmfestival.com.