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**DENVER OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS & DENVER
FILM SOCIETY ANNOUNCE *CINEMOCRACY ROCKS!***

Public event with a diverse line-up of musical acts at Red Rocks Amphitheatre to celebrate the winners of online, short film festival exploring the meaning of Democracy

(DENVER) The Denver Office of Cultural Affairs, the Denver Film Society, producers of the *Starz Denver Film Festival*, and the Denver 2008 Convention Host Committee will celebrate the *Cinemocracy Film Festival's* top 10 films at *Cinemocracy Rocks!* Open to the public, the event will be held at Red Rocks Amphitheatre on Monday, August 25, beginning at 6 p.m.

The evening will feature a screening of the top 10 Cinemocracy films, a diverse lineup of musical entertainment including; The Apples in Stereo, Okkerville River, Murs, Jill Sobule, Peter Buffett and the Native Wind Dancers, will perform, as well as the Feature Film – Election, starring Reese Witherspoon and Matthew Broderick, will be shown.

Directors of the top 10 Cinemocracy films will be in attendance to introduce their work. The films, as chosen by the online viewers are:

CINEMA+(DEM)OCRACY=CINEMOCRACY – Directed by Alan

Dominquez City: Denver

DEMOCRACY: A MARRIAGE Directed by Isha Aran City: Lakewood, Colo.

DEMOCRACY: A STEADY LOVING CONFRONTATION Directed by Jen Saffron City: Pittsburgh, Penn.

DEMOCRACY IS A SPECTACLE Directed by Joseph Le Sac, City: Tacoma, Wash.

DEMOKRATIA Directed by Josh Massaro, Isaac J. Ramos, Melissa Lane, John Knauf City: Highlands Ranch, Colo.

IF YOU REALLY KNEW ME Directed by Betsy Leighton City: Denver

SUNRISE (an original music video) Directed by Robert Florescu and Sylvia Florescu City: Denver
THE RIGHT TO HAVE A VOICE – Directed by Jessica Rosenberger & Austin Tally City: Chicago, Ill.
WHAT IS DEMOCRACY? Directed by Skelly Aggett- Carosella, Ivar Cloudshadow, Trevor Green, Gabe Greenberg, Noah Greenwald, Jade Hunter, Aidan McGinnis, Izaiah Read, Sienna Richert, Emma Wilson (all 5th Graders) City: Boulder, Colo.
YOU CAN'T EAT FREEDOM Directed by Martin Higgins City: Lonetree, Colo.

In addition, Cinemocracy chose 3 Special Award Winners which will also screen at the event:

Cinemocracy Local Awareness Award - A VISION OF DEMOCRACY
Directed by Jennifer R.S. McDaniel City: Denver
Cinemocracy Special Jury Selection - THE SHORT END OF THE SPAGHETTI – Directed by Ryan Charmatz City: Greenwood Village, Colo.
Cinemocracy Best International Submission – EVERDAY DEMOCRACY
Directed by Charlie Timms, Gospel Oak, United Kingdom

One of the top 10 films, chosen by a blue-ribbon panel of film industry professionals, will be screened as an official entry to the 31st *Starz Denver Film Festival* (November 13-23, 2008) and eligible for the *Starz People's Choice Award* for Best Short, which carries a \$2,500 cash prize.

Musical performances begin at 6 p.m.; gates open at 5 p.m. Sponsored by Starz, Aquafina, and GOOD Magazine, special tickets for the event are \$20. Each special ticket comes with a one-year subscription (6 issues) to GOOD Magazine and a reserved “GOOD Seat” at the event. All proceeds from the sale of Good Magazine tickets will be donated to the Denver Film Society. “GOOD Tickets” are available at all King Soopers locations or online at www.denverfilm.org and www.ticketwest.com.

Free tickets are available to Denver non-profit organizations. For information on how to participate in this program, contact ann@denverfilm.org.

Parking is \$10 per car and carpooling is strongly encouraged to support the greening efforts of the Denver 2008 Convention Host Committee.

About the Cinemocracy Film Festival

The *Cinemocracy Film Festival* is an open source film festival to coincide with the 2008 Democratic National Convention. As an official event of the Denver 2008 Convention Host Committee, *Cinemocracy* addresses the topic of “How do you define democracy?”

During a year of monumental change, the Denver Office of Cultural Affairs and Denver Film Society invited citizens of the world to speak out and share ideas on the definition of democracy through the creation of short films. All films submitted were five minutes in length and judged by the online public. Submissions closed on August 1; voting closed on August 15.

*The mission of the **Denver Office of Cultural Affairs** is to advance the arts and culture in the City and County of Denver.*

*The **Denver 2008 Convention Host Committee** has four contractual partners in its work. Those partners are the Democratic National Convention Committee, the City and County of Denver, Kroenke Sports and its own Executive Committee.*

*The **Denver Film Society** is a membership-based nonprofit cultural institution dedicated to cultivating community and transforming lives through film. Founded in 1978, the Denver Film Society produces film events throughout the year, including the award-winning Starz Denver Film Festival. The Denver Film Society's home theatre and cinematic education center, the Starz FilmCenter, presents film programs daily and is Denver's first and only year-round cinematheque, operated in partnership with the University of Colorado at Denver's College of Arts & Media, and with support from Starz Entertainment and the Scientific & Cultural Facilities District (SCFD). Denver Film Society members support one-of-a-kind programs reaching more than 200,000 film lovers and film lovers-in-training each year.*

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