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AVPA's 8th Annual Frost Film Festival

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Every year, high school film programs from all over Los Angeles send short films to Culver City High School to be considered for the annual Academy of Visual and Performing Arts (AVPA) Frost Film Festival. Audiences can see the most interesting of the entries on Friday and Saturday, March 3 and 4 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5. The shorts will screen in the Sony Pictures Theatre behind the Robert Frost Auditorium, 4401 Elenda Ave., in Culver City.

James Bentley, the creative director for AVPA's film department, said the quality of the films submitted this year was very good. "It was hard to limit our selection to just those shorts we'll be screening. As a result, the festival will show a broad range of entertaining pieces, including some from our own AVPA film students."

According to Tony Spano, AVPA's executive director, "We've sponsored the Frost Film Festival for eight years now and find that schools eagerly await the call for entries to send in their best shorts. It's rewarding being able to offer a venue for these talented young artists."

AVPA's own film students have produced several short films, not just with the hope of seeing them screened at the Film Festival. The shorts are preparation for their spring project. This year, the project involves creating the Academy's first High Definition (HD) film, using professional equipment and actors. "The Sky is Falling," last year's 16mm film and two versions of the students' fall film project, "Ramblin Man" will be shown after the film festival for anyone interested.

The Academy of Visual and Performing Arts (AVPA) at Culver City High School offers a comprehensive arts curriculum after regular school hours for students who are committed to excellence in Art, Film, Theatre, Dance, and Music. Established in 1996, AVPA enjoys tremendous community support from Sony Pictures Entertainment and

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other design, recording, and theatre companies in the area. For more information about the Academy, go to www.avpa.org or contact Tony Spano at 310-842-4200 x6094 or x6009.

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