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AVPA's 9th Annual Frost Film Festival Goes Retro

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For anyone feeling nostalgic for a drive-in movie, this week's Frost Film Festival will help recapture this now almost extinct all-American experience. At the same time audiences will have a chance to see some of the finest films created by young film-makers in the Los Angeles area. The Academy of Visual and Performing Arts (AVPA) is



hosting the festival at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, February 2 and Saturday, February 3 at Culver City High School, 4401 Elenda. The drive-in experience is on Friday night, weather permitting, while audiences can enjoy the same great movies in the comfort of the intimate Sony Pictures Theater (behind the Robert Frost Auditorium) on Saturday night. Admission is \$5 per person.

For Friday night's show, participants will enter the high school at the Huron Street gate, just off of Braddock. Then an FM stereo transmitter will beam the audio portion of the films right to their car's radio. Audiences are encouraged to extend beyond the cozy confines of their car and bring lawn furniture and blankets to make a community experience of the event.



For the last nine years, the film department has solicited films from other high schools for the Frost Film Festival. The students work with AVPA's film department director James Bentley to select the most interesting shorts of those submitted by area high schools. Additionally, students will screen the results of film department's

own fall project which involved two teams competing against each to make the best film using the same script, "Club Evil."

Bentley is looking forward to showcasing the talents of young filmmakers from Santa Monica High School, Harvard-Westlake and Culver City High School for this year's festival. He's also excited about working with Hollywood Mobile Movie (www.hollywoodmobmov.com), who have generously donated their talent and equipment to create the drive-in. According to Bentley, "It's been great fun working with Eric Kurland from Hollywood Mobile Movie again and seeing the students embrace this old art form with new technology and being a part of the Guerilla Drive-In movie movement."

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 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 Kristine Hatanaka at 310-842-4200 x6001.

Photo captions:

IMG_7308: Club Evil Team A (L-R) Amanda Mehl, Erin Perez, Josh Blake, Nick Haley, George Mikhail, Marcelo Algarate, Harry Dashell-Silagyi, & Lucas Avila, front We'land Bourne

IMG_7311: Club Evil Team B (L-R) Madi Conroy, Timmie Clemmons, Diego Diaz, Evan Pierre, Christian Rojas, Chris McGovern, Nick Yates, Caroline Plaza, Kenny Sule, & Marcos Avila

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