CDIA at Boston University Hosts TIVA-DC Meeting

The Center for Digital Imaging Arts at Boston University's Georgetown campus presented a networking session and panel discussion of the 48 Hour Film Project.

Washington, DC: January 14, 2009 – The <u>Center for Digital Imaging Arts at Boston</u> <u>University</u> (CDIA)–Georgetown Campus hosted January's monthly meeting of the <u>Television, Internet & Video Association of DC</u> (TIVA-DC).

The meeting, which ran from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., included a networking session and a featured panel discussion of the <u>48 Hour Film Project</u>, led by project creator Mark Ruppert.

The evening started with an hour set aside for attendees to network. A handful of CDIA film students mingled with about 70 Film Project veterans, TIVA members and local industry professionals. Filmmaking Program Director Alexis Van Dyke also offered tours of the CDIA campus.

At 7:30, the discussion began. Ruppert spoke about how 48 Hours came into existence and how it has grown since inception, both nationally and internationally. He also showed short films from DC's Best of the 48 Film Festival, clips from winners from other U.S. cities, and some films produced in Europe and Israel. He shared the panel with local producers <u>David Dolinsky</u> and Emily Henninger, who discussed their experiences with the Film Project. They also showed clips from films they had produced for the festival in past years.

The 48 Hour Film Project takes place over the course of one weekend. Contestants are given several requirements for the film on Friday, and must write, shoot, edit and score their own original movie by Sunday. The contest is open to applicants of all levels, from students to experienced filmmakers. Last year, more than 30,000 submissions came from more than 70 cities around the country. This year, the contest will be opened up to international participants.

About CDIA:

The Center for Digital Imaging Arts at Boston University offers intensive, hands-on training in **Digital Filmmaking**, **Photography**, **3D Animation**, **Graphic & Web Design**, **Audio Production** and **Web Development**. Full- and part-time certificate programs are available at state-of-the-art campuses in Waltham, MA and Washington, DC. Financial assistance and career services are available.

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