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International Christian film festival comes to Atlanta

ATLANTA — The Seventh-day Adventist Church is hosting the SONscreen Film Festival Showcase, an international Christian film festival in Atlanta, Georgia, on June 26 and 27, at the Rialto Center for the Arts at Georgia State University. The festival, happening during the Church's 59th General Conference Session, will feature 18 new student films and professional independent films that will be screened along with 19 winning pieces from the past seven festivals.

The SONscreen Film Festival is the annual gathering for Christians who have a passion for using film and video for the purpose of creating timely and relevant productions for social awareness, outreach, and uplifting creative entertainment. SONscreen Showcases highlight the very best works of the annual festival and bring it to various venues around the world. The Worldwide SONscreen Film Festival Showcase occurs every five years at the Seventh-day Adventist Church's General Conference Session.

The feature film "Stained Glass" will be showcased on June 26 at 6 p.m. "Stained Glass" is a documentary series that shows the pulse of an Adventist church through all the joy and heartache that congregational leadership demands. It speaks to church life as it fades away from its traditional position in society and uniquely addresses the question "How do congregations redefine their role in the 21st century?" This riveting film series goes where the camera has rarely been allowed: behind the scenes of three churches on the west coast trying desperately to keep their relevance alive.

A film industry panel will take place Sunday, June 27, at 2 p.m., with Christian professionals Tommy Ford, film and TV actor/producer (from the 1990s sitcom "Martin"); Warren Judd, CEO Adventist Media Productions; Paul Kim, award-winning film producer/director; Cheryl Jenkins, TV/Film Producer/CFO of PACS, and others.

Note:

If you are interested in this story, please call George Johnson Jr., at (240) 338-2219.

About the General Conference Session:

The 59th General Conference Session is a business meeting of the global Seventh-day Adventist Church from June 24 to July 3, 2010 in Atlanta. Occurring every five years, General Conference Session gathers representatives from the church around the world to elect leadership and determine the focus of mission. The Seventh-day Adventist Church is a mainline protestant denomination with over 16.3 million members in 206 nations around the world. The church's headquarters is in Silver Spring, Maryland.

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