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Call for entries announced for 2nd Annual Johnstown Film & Wine Festival

JOHNSTOWN, Pa. – The Johnstown Film & Wine Festival announces a call for entries for its second annual event, which is set for July 12-14, 2007. Original short films of 30 minutes or less are eligible for the competition, and the entry deadline is March 31, 2007.

The first festival was held July 13-15, 2006, at the Johnstown Flood Museum and Heritage Discovery Center. More than 50 entries were received, from as far south as Texas, as far east as New York, as far west as California – however, most had some tie to Johnstown. Thirty-four films were selected by a jury for screening at the event, and there were sellout crowds each evening.

The film festival is the project of the Community Leadership Initiative Class of 2006, which includes Mike Docherty, Matt Hughes, Lee Kring and Lynne Hood. The group is working with the Johnstown Area Heritage Association to produce the festival.

Any original short film of 30 minutes or less is eligible for the competition, which will include cash awards for first, second and third place. Films of all genres will be accepted, and there is a special category for filmmakers aged 18 and under. All entries must be submitted on VHS or DVD, and will not be returned unless a self-addressed, stamped envelope is included with the submission. For complete rules and technical requirements, see www.johnstownfilmfest.org.

Entries should be sent to Film Festival Entry Coordinator, JAHA, PO Box 1889, Johnstown PA 15907. For complete rules and an entry form, visit www.johnstownfilmfest.org.

The Johnstown Area Heritage Association is a non-profit, membership-based organization dedicated to preserving and showcasing Johnstown's unique history to the nation through high-quality educational, cultural and recreational experiences. JAHA owns and operates the Johnstown Flood Museum and the Frank & Sylvia Pasquerilla Heritage Discovery Center, and produces the AmeriServ FolkFest, a 3-day free music and food festival held annually over Labor Day weekend; events commemorating the 1889 Johnstown flood; and a wide variety of additional cultural programming. The Wagner-Ritter House & Garden opened in May 2006, and a Children's Discovery Museum is being planned. For more information on JAHA programs, museums and events, visit www.jaha.org.

