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“Lost Film Fest” to be presented at Heritage Discovery Center

Interactive presentation set for Thursday, February 7 at 7:30 pm

JOHNSTOWN, Pa. – The “Lost Film Fest,” an interactive presentation of film clips and comedy, is coming to the Heritage Discovery Center on Thursday, Feb. 7 at 7:30 pm.

“What makes Lost Film Fest unique is that it’s an interactive experience incorporating storytelling with short films. I set up a laptop and video projector in the center of the room, and show movies. The event feels much like a deejay spinning records. Instead of music, there’s narration, comedy, and video clips,” explained founder and presenter Scott Beibin.

Since its inception in 1999, Beibin has presented the Lost Film Fest at a variety of major film festivals, including Sundance Film Festival and Cannes Film Festival, and at venues all over the world. The Lost Film Fest has been described as “a hilarious and smart performance incorporating politically charged films by emerging directors.” Films Beibin chooses to include must be “high-quality, and have a low profile, a fast pace and a global sociopolitical conscience,” but each presentation is unique.

“Since the founding of the Johnstown Film & Wine Festival in 2006, JAHA has been hoping to broaden its film-based programming,” said Richard Burkert, JAHA executive director. “We are pleased to have the opportunity to present this performance.”

Ian Rummell, an AmeriCorps member working at JAHA, has been instrumental in arranging the presentation.

Tickets will be available at the door for \$7. For more about the Lost Film Fest, visit its website at www.lostfilmfest.com.

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. In addition to the Johnstown Flood Museum, the Frank & Sylvia Pasquerilla Heritage Discovery Center, and the Wagner-Ritter House & Garden, JAHA produces the

AmeriServ Johnstown FolkFest, a 3-day free music festival held annually over Labor Day weekend; flood commemoration events; and a wide variety of additional cultural programming. The Johnstown Children's Museum is currently under construction and will open in summer 2008. For more information on JAHA programs, museums and events, visit www.jaha.org.