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Call for Film Submissions *Entry Deadline, October 1, 2008*

The **Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce**, along with sponsors **Antheil, Maslow & MacMinn, LLP; Silverman Family Partnerships; Fulton Bank and Martin Kueny Insurance Solutions** in partnership with **Comcast, The County Theater and HG Marketing Group**, are seeking submissions of short film and videos from aspiring high school, college and emerging filmmakers for the 8th Annual “*Bucks Fever FilmFest*”, a juried independent short film and video festival. Film submissions are being accepted until October 1, 2008.

Bucks Fever FilmFest was launched in 1999 by the Chamber as part of its “Bucks Fever – Celebration of the Arts” program. The goal of FilmFest is to highlight and promote aspiring filmmakers from the Bucks County region. Films must not exceed 30 minutes in length and must be submitted on DVD format. All submissions will be reviewed and judged by an expert panel including Mike Lemon (Mike Lemon Casting, Philadelphia), Jim Breckenridge (Screenwriter; The Playcrafters Group of Doylestown) and Jim Sanders (Director of

Development, The County Theater). **Since inception, the Chamber's Bucks Fever FilmFest has received nearly 300 film and video submissions and has awarded over \$10,000 in cash prizes to winning filmmakers.**

2008 Bucks Fever FilmFest winners will be announced and awards presented at a special reception on Tuesday, October 7 at the Mercer Museum, Elkins Gallery, Doylestown, 5-8 p.m. Winning Films will be screened at the County Theater, Doylestown, on Sunday, October 19, 7 p.m. and will also be promoted on Comcast ON Demand Channel 1 **To date, winning films have received nearly 9,000 On Demand viewer requests.**

To learn more about the Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce, visit www.centralbuckschamber.com To learn more about Bucks Fever FilmFest and to obtain a submission form, visit www.bucksfeverfilmfest.org or call the Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce at (215) 348-3913.

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1. Bucks Fever FilmFest attendees enjoy screening of winning films at The County Theater, Doylestown
2. Karl Stieg (left) 2007 Bucks Fever FilmFest “Best in Fest” winner with Jim Sanders (The County Theater)
3. Mike Lemon (Mike Lemon Casting) will be one of the judges for the 2008 Bucks Fever FilmFest Competition.
4. FilmFest Key Patrons Susan A. Maslow, Esq., (Antheil Maslow & MacMinn, LLP) and Binny Silverman (Silverman Family Partnerships)

The mission of the **Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce** is to build alliances among its members by uniting business, industry, professionals, artists and non-profit organizations. The Chamber serves as a catalyst that creates a rich business climate and improves the quality of life in the community. The Chamber is devoted to furthering the arts, humanities and welfare of the Central Bucks region.

Bucks Fever – A Celebration of Arts & Culture is a program of the **Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce**. Founded nearly three decades ago, its goals are to: increase awareness of the County's heritage and encourage the next generation of Bucks County artists; augment the economic vitality of Bucks County by showcasing the region's art, culture and history as a tourist destination; and support the entrepreneurial and economic endeavors of individual artists

and groups as part of the free enterprise system. **Bucks Fever** is comprised of eight annual Chamber events including: Bucks Fever Spectacular (**March**); Byers Bucks Fever Art Exhibition (**April**); Artists' Studio Tour (**May**); Brown Bag-It with the Arts (**weekly performing arts series May-August**); Excellence in Design Architectural Tour (**September**); Bucks County Sculpture Show founded by Dr. Selma Burke (**September**); FilmFest Preview, Seminar and Screening (**October**); Nelson Shanks: A Private Exhibition (**November**). In addition to these Chamber events, the Chamber produces and distributes 50,000 copies of the popular **Bucks Fever brochure** that promotes hundreds of Bucks County art, culture and historical events. The Chamber promotes these events through the brochure as a courtesy to the non-profit organizations that submit their events. The Signature Benefactor for Bucks Fever 2008 is Univest National Bank and Trust Co.