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Pre-Fest Slamdance Party in Sugar House Thursday, December 15th, 2006

Salt Lake City, UT – Happy Holidays from the folks at Slamdance! The 2006 Slamdance Film Festival is throwing a pre-festival party on Thursday, December 15th at Sugar Beats, next to Sugarhouse Coffee (2106 S. Highland Drive). “Best of “ Slamdance Shorts will be screened throughout the night and Kate McLeod and The Pancakes will be rocking the house between 7pm and 10pm. Giveaways include Slamdance Dirty Dozen DVD’s (short film compilations), All Access Festival Passes and Festival Party Passes. Admission is FREE, as well as the hot chocolate and cookies!

The festival, once again headquartered at the Treasure Mountain Inn (255 Main Street) will take place January 19-27, 2006, in Park City, Utah - coinciding with the Sundance Film Festival. Slamdance will expand further in Salt Lake City, to include film screenings, screenplay readings and events in Sugar House.

Started in 1995 by a group of upstart filmmakers, Slamdance Film Festival is a year-round organization dedicated to emerging artists and their vision. Slamdance has established a unique reputation for premiering independent films by first-time directors working with limited budgets. At the same time, the Festival has stayed true to its roots by being organized and programmed by active filmmakers. Slamdance films have been picked up for distribution, invited to festivals around the world, won Independent Spirit Awards, the Palme d'Or and an Academy Award, among many other accolades. Slamdance Film Festival alumni include "Batman Begins" and "Memento" director Christopher Nolan (festival award winner "Following"), the Emmy Award winning Russo Brothers ("Pieces"), and "Finding Neverland" and "Monster's Ball" director Marc Forster (festival audience award winner "Loungers"). The 2005 Slamdance opening night film "Mad Hot Ballroom" was acquired by Paramount Classics.

Slamdance has successfully established year-round ventures including the Screenplay Competition, Best Of Screenings in the U.S., Festival events in China and Poland, the Anarchy Online Film competition, the Dirty Dozen DVD Series (currently in its 7th volume), and short film productions dubbed \$99 Specials. In 2004, Slamdance launched a teleplay competition in conjunction with fox21, the Guerilla Gamemaker Competition, and the Slamdance Media Group, a company comprised of distribution, development and talent-management units.

Press Credential requests should be faxed to Margot Gerber at 323.466.1784. For more press credentials information, go to <http://www.slamdance.com>. Thank you for your interest! As of December 13, 2005 festival passes are still available. Go to www.slamdance.com or call 323 466 1786. Individual tickets will be on sale at the Slamdance box office at the Treasure Mountain Inn beginning January 19th, at 9:00 AM.

The 2006 Slamdance Film Festival is presented by Kodak and fox21.

Festival sponsors include Directors Guild of America, Maryland Film Commission, Andrew Lauren Productions, All Seasons Resorts, Corazon Tequila, Dos Equis, Dr. Martens, PopCap Games, Southwest Airlines, Timbuk2 and X-Mission. Additional sponsors are listed on the Slamdance website at www.slamdance.com/sponsors/.

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