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UNCSA SCHOOL OF FILMMAKING RECEIVES \$10,000 GRANT FROM MOTION PICTURE ACADEMY

WINSTON-SALEM – The Academy Foundation of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS) has awarded a \$10,000 institutional grant to the University of North Carolina School of the Arts (UNCSA) to support its film internship program in 2009-10.

This is the Academy's ninth institutional grant to the UNCSA School of Filmmaking, and the fourth consecutive grant in support of film student internships. Since 2006, 37 School of Filmmaking students have been placed in AMPAS internships, receiving a total of \$25,000 in support of internships on professional film productions.

UNCSA film students have interned on major motion pictures such as *LEATHERHEADS* and television series such as *The Closer*, as well as in post-production houses, talent agencies, and motion picture studios, to name a few.

Thanks to a 2008-09 AMPAS grant to the School of Filmmaking, UNCSA was able to place students in internships in North Carolina;

California; New York; and Venice, Italy.

Veteran Hollywood producer Jordan Kerner, of Kerner Entertainment Company, has been dean of the UNCSA School of Filmmaking since 2007. Most recently he was the subject of a Daily Variety back page feature, "The Corner Office," and an Education Impact Report in Variety.

Since its establishment in 1968, the Academy Foundation has distributed more than 637 institutional grants totaling more than \$5.8 million in funding. The program is one of the many activities of the Academy Foundation – the Academy's cultural and educational wing – which annually grants more than \$1 million to film scholars, cultural organizations and film festivals throughout the United States and abroad. The Foundation also presents the Academy's rich assortment of screenings and other public programs each year.

The University of North Carolina School of the Arts is the first state-supported, residential school of its kind in the nation. Established as the North Carolina School of the Arts by the N.C. General Assembly in 1963, UNCSA opened in Winston-Salem ("The City of the Arts") in 1965 and became part of the University of North Carolina system in 1972. More than 1,100 students from middle school through graduate school train for careers in the arts in five professional schools: Dance, Design and Production (including a Visual Arts Program), Drama, Filmmaking, and Music. UNCSA is the state's only public arts conservatory, dedicated entirely to the professional training of talented students in the performing, visual and moving image arts. Internationally renowned conductor John Mauceri has been chancellor of UNCSA since 2006. UNCSA is located at 1533 S. Main St., Winston-Salem. For more information, visit www.uncsa.edu.

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