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## **VAIL FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES CALL FOR 2008 SUBMISSIONS**

**Official Entry Deadline is December 1<sup>st</sup> for Fifth Anniversary Festival**

**VAIL, Colo., October 24, 2007** – The Vail Film Festival announced today that it is currently accepting 2008 entries in the following categories: Feature, Documentary, Short, Action and Student Films. The (RED)<sup>TM</sup> Short Film Category is also making its debut at the 2008 Vail Film Festival. The category represents a brand new partnership between the Vail Film Festival and (RED), a brand created by Bono and Bobby Shriver to engage the private sector and consumer power in raising awareness and funds for the Global Fund to help fight AIDS in Africa. The “(RED) Vision” category asks filmmakers to dramatize the core ideas behind (RED) and embraces themes of inspiration, motivation and education. Find out more about (RED) at [JOINRED.COM](http://JOINRED.COM). The regular submission deadline for all categories for the 2008 Festival is December 1, 2007. The late submission deadline is December 31, 2008.

Accepted films will be screened at the Fifth Anniversary Vail Film Festival, taking place **April 3rd through April 6th, 2007** in Vail, Colorado. This unique destination film festival showcases a variety of the year’s best independent films from around the globe. Filmmakers and film fans return to the festival each year to experience select film screenings, industry panel discussions and workshops, live entertainment, exclusive parties and, of course, some of the world’s best skiing and snow activities. For more information and full details on submissions, please visit [www.vailfilmfestival.org](http://www.vailfilmfestival.org).

The 2007 Vail Film Festival drew 14,000 attendees from around the world, including more than 300 independent filmmakers and some of Hollywood’s most accomplished professionals. The Festival screened 63 films from around the world, including feature films and documentaries, short films, Oscar shorts, action sports, and student films. Highlight films at the 2007 Vail Film Festival included *Knocked Up*, written and directed by Judd Apatow; *Snow Cake* starring Alan Rickman and Sigourney Weaver; and *Two Tickets to Paradise* starring D.B. Sweeney and John C. McGinley. The 2007 Gold Summit Award for Contribution to Film was awarded to legendary actor, director, writer **Harold Ramis**. The festival also honored **Sophia Bush** with the 2007 Rising Star Award, and *Heroes* star **Hayden Panettiere** was honored with the Breakthrough Actor of the Year award.

Vail Film Festival passes incorporate a combination of movies, filmmaker panels, galas and music, with deep discounts on skiing for festival passholders. For tickets and detailed pass information, visit [www.vailfilmfestival.org](http://www.vailfilmfestival.org) or call (866) 476-1092.

### **About Vail Film Festival**

The Vail Film Festival promotes independent filmmaking, with a special focus on new and innovative filmmakers. Besides screenings, the festival will also feature workshops, seminars and panel discussions with award-winning actors, writers and directors. An awards ceremony, family festivities, VIP parties, and live music will round out the four-day event. The Vail Film Festival is produced by the Vail Film Institute, a non-profit arts organization that is dedicated to fostering independent cinema and creative filmmaking.

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