



**April 5-11, 2009**

### **Red Stick Festival Announces “Best of the Fest” Competition Finalists**

The Red Stick International Animation Festival has selected the finalists for its 2009 Best of the Fest Awards from among the more than 400 entries received. The festival will announce the winners in each category on the last day of the festival, Saturday, April 25, at noon in the Manship Theatre.

Red Stick, which will take place April 22-25 in downtown Baton Rouge’s Arts District, received a record-breaking number of entries for its 2009 competition, with 421 films from 45 countries. The festival accepted entries from Aug. 1, 2008, through Jan. 2, 2009.

The festival will award work in the following categories:

- Animated Short Film – Student
- Animated Short Film – Professional
- Animation for Commercials
- Animation for Young Audiences
- Experimental Animation/Visual Music – Student
- Experimental Animation/Visual Music – Professional
- Music Video

The finalists for the Red Stick 2009 Best of the Fest competition are:

#### **Animated Short Film – Student:**

*Chroma Chameleon* directed by Laura Citron (USA)

*Divers* directed by Paris Mavroidis (USA)

*Office Noise* directed by Mads Johansen, Torben Søttrup, Karsten Madsen, and Lærke Enemark (Denmark)

#### **Animated Short Film – Professional:**

*E.T.A.* directed by Henrik Bjerregaard Clausen (Denmark)

*Hot Dog* directed by Bill Plympton (USA)

*Jeremy and the Yellow Monster* directed by Jorge Hernandez (Mexico)

#### **Animation for Commercials:**

*ITFS: Billsticker* directed by Conrad Tambour (Germany)

*Virgin Media – Therapy* directed by Rob Cazin (USA)

**Animation for Young Audiences:**

*The Curse of Skull Rock* directed by Ben Smith (United Kingdom)

*MuMuHug – Newborn Sea Turtle* directed by Vance Yang (Taiwan)

*MuMuHug – Goodbye, Balloon Fish* directed by Vick Wang (Taiwan)

**Experimental Animation/Visual Music – Professional:**

*Escape from the Temple* directed by Zhou Xing (China)

*Jazz Line* directed by Predrag Novakovic (Serbia)

*2* directed by Zhi Jin (South Korea)

**Experimental Animation/Visual Music – Professional:**

*Lost Utopia* directed by Mirai Mizue (Japan)

*Sensorium* directed by Karen Aqua and Ken Field (USA)

*2B Textures* directed by Bonnie Mitchell and Elaine Lillios (USA)

**Music Video:**

*Hey* directed by Guy Ben Shetrit (Israel)

*Mexican Standoff* directed by Bill Plympton (USA)

*Sleigh Ride* directed by Rob Corley and Tom Bancroft (USA)

This year, Red Stick will show more competition work throughout the festival's film screenings, to give participants a chance to see the original animated work the festival received.

Families can register for free Red Passes to attend the screenings and other events as part of the Red Stick International Animation Festival. For a list of screenings and times, please visit [http://redstickfestival.org/events\\_schedule.asp](http://redstickfestival.org/events_schedule.asp).

**Upcoming Lectures:**

- Ge Wang of Stanford University will be speaking as a special guest lecturer on Monday, April 13 at 2:30 p.m. The lecture, "At the Intersection of Music and Computer Science (and Mobile): ChucK, Laptop Orchestras, and iPhone Ocarinas" will take place in 338 Johnston.
- Claude Le Bris from Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussees, will be speaking at a part of the Frontiers of Scientific Computing Lecture series on Wednesday, April 15. The lecture, "Computational Multiscale Mechanics: A Mathematical Perspective" will take place at 1 p.m. in 338 Johnston.

**Pats on the Back:**

- Congratulations to Professor Ram Ramanujam, who co-taught a tutorial titled "Programming Models and Compiler Optimizations for GPUs and Multi-Core Processors" at the following conferences:

- 17th International Conference on Parallel Architectures and Compilation Techniques (PACT 2008), Toronto, October 2008
- 14th ACM SIGPLAN Symposium on Principles and Practice of Parallel Programming (PPoPP 2009), Raleigh, North Carolina, February 2009.
- Red Stick Festival Director and CCT Associate Director for Economic Development Stacey Simmons has received \$15,000 from the Louisiana Department of Economic Development and an additional \$100,000 from the City of Baton Rouge in support of the 2009 Red Stick Animation Festival.
- Congratulations to Steve Beck, Lance Porter and Susan Ryan, who received LSU Distinguished Faculty Awards for 2009. Beck received the Distinguished Faculty Award, Porter received the Alumni Association Faculty Excellence Award and Ryan received the Tiger Athletic Foundation Undergraduate Teaching Award. The ceremony honoring them and the other University award recipients will take place on Tuesday, May 5, at the Lod Cook Alumni Center from 4-6 p.m. The reception is free and open to the University community.

**Please Note:**

- Red Stick International Animation Festival will take place April 22-25 in downtown Baton Rouge. All Red Passes for the festival are free, granting general admission to all of the festival screenings as well as family events like Cartoon-a-Palooza, Princess Ball and the Baton Rouge Cartoonist Society's drawing workshop. Gold Passes can be purchased for access to all festival lectures in addition to the free screenings. Check out the schedule of events at <http://redstickfestival.org>.
- This week is Spring Break for the University, and classes will not take place Monday through Friday. All campus offices and operations will be closed on Friday, April 10, in observance of Good Friday.
  - The LSU Center for Computation & Technology (CCT) will host the Fifth Gulf Coast Gravity Meeting on the LSU campus April 17 & 18, 2009. There is no conference fee to attend the meeting, but registration is required. (Register at: <http://www.cct.lsu.edu/GCGM2009> )
  - ALL CCT meetings of the Spring 2009 semester will take place Wednesdays at 3 p.m. in Johnston 338. If you have any information, news or announcements you wish to include at the meeting, please notify Karen Jones, [kjones@cct.lsu.edu](mailto:kjones@cct.lsu.edu). **ALL CCT meetings for this semester are scheduled for April 15 and May 20.** Please make every effort to attend.
  - Training for next LONI workshop will be April 13th & 14th at Tulane University in Stanley Thomas Hall room 101. For details and topics offered or to register for the workshop please see: <http://www.hpc.lsu.edu/training/20090413/index.php>

- The Louisiana Biomedical Research Network and the LSU Center for Computation and Technology invite you to participate in the 2nd Computational Biology Workshop, **April 17-18, 2009**. The aim of this workshop is to forge a community of computational biologists across the state and bring together researchers using computational approaches in the biological sciences, HPC providers and the Cyber-Infrastructure developers.

Confirm your participation by registering for the 2nd CCT/LBRN Workshop on Computational Biology. **Registration is required by this Thursday, April 9.** For more information, please contact Ms. Dung Pham at [dpham3@lsu.edu](mailto:dpham3@lsu.edu) <http://lbrn.lsu.edu/urls/cw2009/>

- The next training session is on April 15: PetaShare Environment and Client Tools from 10 a.m. until noon in 338 Johnston Hall with remote options. This is a new training on the PetaShare storage environment: The aim of this tutorial is to make researchers familiar with the PetaShare environment. After this tutorial, users will be able to utilize PetaShare resources and access and use client tools. This tutorial will state the differences between client tools and help users to identify which one is right for them.

For more details visit and to register visit:  
<http://hpc.lsu.edu/training/tutorials/#spring09petashare>

- 2009 IEEE International Conference on Cluster Computing (Cluster 2009) conference will take place in New Orleans Aug. 31 through Sept. 4, 2009. Cluster 2009 welcomes paper and poster submissions on innovative work from researchers in academia, industry, and government, describing original research in the field of cluster computing. For submitting and formatting instructions, see the conference web site: <http://www.cluster2009.org/>
- If you have any news for the CCT Weekly, please e-mail PR Manager Kristen Sunde directly at [ksunde@cct.lsu.edu](mailto:ksunde@cct.lsu.edu).

### **Upcoming Grant Deadlines:**

Note: Please see the CCT deadline Web site, as many NSF deadlines are listed here: <http://www.cct.lsu.edu/about/grants/deadlines/events.php>