

Dates announced for 10th Anniversary of Crazy8s! Award-Winning Producer Erik Paulsson comes on board.

Vancouver December 16, 2008 – Vancouver's favourite film frenzy, **Crazy8s**, is back for its 10th anniversary! This whirlwind production challenges aspiring local filmmakers to prepare, shoot and edit a short film in 8 days with only \$800 and 60 minutes of digital tape stock.

Last year **Crazy8s** capped an incredible run of 9 years and 48 short films produced with a gala screening to a 1,000+ audience in downtown Vancouver. Wrapping up its success as Canada's #1 Short Film event, the Crazy8s Library has been acquired by hot Canadian distributor Ouat! Media in Toronto. Movieola, The Short Film Channel, will also broadcast many of the shorts in Canada.

"Crazy8s provides an amazing opportunity to present some of the filmmaking talent we have in this city. By giving resources to emerging filmmakers, Crazy8s helps foster the growth of our independent domestic film industry, while providing a valuable social gathering for the filmmaking community to network, celebrate, and find inspiration. It is the greatest celebration of local filmmaking Vancouver has ever had", says Crazy8s Producer, **Erik Paulsson**,

Now in its 10th year, Crazy8s has served as an incredible launch pad for talent including alumni **Zach Lipovsk**, whose Crazy8s film *Crazy Late* landed him the opportunity of a lifetime as a contestant on Steven Spielberg's reality series 'On The Lot' where he placed in the top 5.



"Crazy8s is truly the single best way in BC to launch your career.", says **Zach Lipovsky**, who has since signed as a Director with Endeavor Agency in LA and is directing commercials in Europe while also working on his own feature film project.

Crazy8s films have screened at over 150 international film festivals, winning multiple prizes, including *Best Canadian Short Film* at the Toronto International Film Festival for Dylan Akio Smith's *Man Feel Pain*. Smith went on to direct his first feature *Cabin Movie* on the strength of his Crazy8s short.

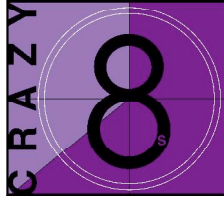
"Crazy8s films are in film festival circuits around the world." says Gary Harvey, a top BC Director, Producer and Member of the Board of Crazy8s. "The majority of films have secured international distribution deals, been licensed online, and attained television broadcasts nationally and internationally."

This year's event will be produced by Erik Paulsson of Red Storm Productions, producer of multiple award-winning films including *Army of One* (Best Canadian Feature Documentary at Hot Docs) and Sundance Jury-Prize winning film *Eve & the Fire Horse*. Producer Marc Stephenson (*Edison & Leo, On the Corner*) will be joining the team as Line Producer.

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What's CRAZY this year?

- Films will be screened at a **Gala Screening** at newly restored Vogue Theatre on **Saturday, April 25th, 2009**, followed by a **Gala Screening Party**.
- An industry style **Pitch Session** in front of a panel of judges at the end of March will determine which projects will be green lit.
- Registration for pitches will open on **Monday, March 2nd, 2009** on a first come, first serve basis.
- A **Story Development Workshop** will be held for the selected teams and a few additional best pitches.
- **Tens of Thousands of dollars of in-kind equipment and services** from industry sponsors will be granted to the selected teams to make their films.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Application forms and additional information will be available on the Crazy8s website in the new year. www.crazy8s.cc

Applications for pitch times are limited to **only 60 participants**, with registration opening on **March 2nd**.

First Come, First Serve - So be sure to apply early!



To Preview Crazy8s Go To:

<http://www.crazy8s.cc/crazy8spodcasts/>

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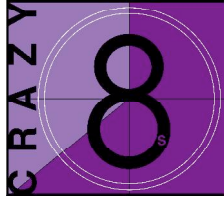
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