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***DESCENT* SCREENS AT
PALM SPRINGS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL**

Los Angeles, CA – (August 20, 2004) - *Descent* has been selected to screen at the 10th annual Palm Springs International Festival of Short Films.

Descent, an examination of the fears people face when they are thrown into their worst nightmares, focuses on a woman (April Adamson) who is trapped in an elevator with the man she witnessed murder her best friend.

The Palm Springs International Film Festival, the largest short film festival and film market in North America, will kick-off on August 31st with an opening night of award-winning films and audience favorites from a number of renowned international short film festivals, including Cannes, Clermont Ferrand and the Toronto Short Film Festival. There are 300 films scheduled to be shown in 39 programs ranging from a wide variety of genres. Many of the top North American and European sales agents of short films as well as agents and studios attend the festival searching for new writers and directors. Over two-thirds of the films presented annually at the Festival are acquired or find sales agents.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences continues to honor the integrity of the decisions made at this festival by making this one of the few qualifying festivals for the Best Short Film Oscar.

Screenings will be held at the Camelot Theater from August 31 to September 6, 2004.

Descent will screen September 1st at 8:00 PM in the Noir Nightmares program at the Camelot theater.

For more information, visit Palm Springs International Film Festival online at www.psfilmfest.org.

For more information on *Descent*, please visit www.adakin.com/descent

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