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**The Global Film Initiative
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
Feature-film Production & Distribution Grants**

January 2, 2007, San Francisco, CA: In its continuing effort to promote original filmmaking by individuals from the developing world, The Global Film Initiative is pleased to announce a Call for Applications for the Spring cycle of its feature-film Production & Distribution Grants program.

Global Film Initiative Production & Distribution Grants are awarded twice a year, in Spring and Fall, to filmmakers whose work exhibits artistic excellence, authentic self-representation and accomplished storytelling, while contributing to the development of local film industries and offering audiences a variety of cultural perspectives on daily life around the world. Monies received through The Initiative's granting program are used to support completion of film production, and to subsidize post-production costs (such as laboratory and sound mixing fees and access to modern editing systems).

This year, The Global Film Initiative will award Production & Distribution Grants of up to \$10,000 each to select applicants during its Spring granting cycle. These funds are made available following the Initiative's evaluation of an applicant's completed screenplay and early film-footage, and may be accompanied by a pre-sale option for exclusive U.S. distribution of an applicant's film by The Global Film Initiative. Individuals may submit more than one film for consideration per granting cycle but please note that *only applications from qualifying countries or regions will be considered and that Production Grants are not available for documentary or short films.* *

The Global Film Initiative strongly believes in supporting narrative storytelling traditions from around the world and invites all qualified applicants to submit their work for granting consideration. For Applications & Guidelines, please visit: <http://www.globalfilm.org/granting.htm>

Application deadline: March 30, 2007

* The Global Film Initiative accepts grant applications from countries in the following regions: Latin America, The Caribbean, Africa, The Middle East, Asia (excluding Japan, South Korea, Singapore, Taiwan), and Oceania (excluding Australia and New Zealand).

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The Global Film Initiative

The Global Film Initiative is a non-traditional distributor specializing in independent films from the developing world. The Global Film Initiative was created to promote cross-cultural understanding through the universal language of cinema during a time of great change throughout the world. The Global Film Initiative offers grants each year to filmmakers and brings outstanding films to U.S. audiences through a 16-18 city tour entitled *Global Lens*. *Global Lens* is supported by an educational outreach program to high school students. The Global Film Initiative is a 501(c)3 organization based in San Francisco. See www.globalfilm.org for more information.