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**COWBOY SMOKE AWARDED THE AOF 2008 ALAN J. BAILEY
EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR BEST DIRECTOR AND IS NOMINATED FOR
'BEST WESTERN' AND 'BEST FIGHT CHOREOGRAPHY'**

At the 4th Annual Action On Film International Film Festival

Fantastic Films International and Bandwagon Films are proud to announce that COWBOY SMOKE will be awarded the AOF 2008 Alan J Bailey Excellence Award for Best Director and is also nominated for awards in the categories of Best Western and Best Fight Choreography at the 4th Annual Action on Film International Film Festival. COWBOY SMOKE will be screened on Wednesday, July 30th at 10:00pm at the Laemmle Theaters, located at the One Colorado Complex-42 Miller Alley, Pasadena CA, 91105.

Hailed by the San Antonio Film Commission as "a wonderful, twisting, heartfelt ride through the immigration dilemma" COWBOY SMOKE is a story of Joe, a suburban convenience store clerk with big dreams of becoming a cowboy. After packing his boots and following his cowboy dreams to South Texas Joe's idea of the mythic cowboy is shattered when he finds himself holed up in a town that survives on a human smuggling trade.

Cowboy Smoke was inspired by the Victoria immigrant tragedy, in which 19 Mexican immigrants suffocated in a truck after being smuggled across the border in the summer of 2003. The movie was subsequently filmed on location at the Fagan Ranch which is 10 miles from where the tragedy occurred. In addition to this several scenes in the movie were inspired by events that writer/director Will Moore experienced first hand. In one scene particular, a suspicious looking truck is pulled over by a Texas Ranger. Once parked on the side of the road, a handful of Mexican immigrants spring from the bed of the truck and flee to safety. This was something Moore and his crew actually witnessed during re-shoots on Moore's first feature film, Wesley Cash, while traveling between locations.

Fantastic Films International exclusively handles worldwide sales for COWBOY SMOKE. For more information, visit: www.fantasticfilmsinternational.com

ABOUT AOF: The 4TH Annual AOF (Action On Film) International Film Festival takes place from July 25-31, 2008 at the beautiful Laemmle Theaters in Old Pasadena CA. The festival will also hold a Black Tie Dinner and Award Show at the Twin Palms Restaurant which is located at 101 West Green St. Pasadena CA 91105 on Thursday July 31, 2008 from 6pm to midnight. The Festival will feature celebrities including: 2008 AOF Lifetime Achievement Award Winner John Savage, 2008 AOF Legacy Award Winner Michael Madsen, actor Vinnie Jones and action star Jason Statham. For more information visit www.aofest.com

ABOUT FANTASTIC FILMS INTERNATIONAL: Los Angeles-based FANTASTIC FILMS INTERNATIONAL (FFI) is a full service, worldwide sales company created by Roxane Barbat and Fred deWysocki. The company was launched in January of 2002 and specializes in theatrical films, such as *SPIRIT OF THE FOREST* and *AGENT CRUSH*, with budgets up to \$60M. In 2005, FFI expanded into Executive Producing in order to bring their expertise and resources to improve their product by getting involved at the early stage. FFI represents a brand of "fantastic" independent films in every sense of the word.