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DOWN TO THE WIRE: Twelve finalists announced for \$50,000 Kairos Prize Screenplay Competition - the largest faith-based competition in the U.S.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 01, 2012 – Twelve finalists have been announced for the 7th Annual \$50,000 Kairos Prizes for Spiritually Uplifting Screenplays by first-time and beginning screenwriters, funded by a grant from the John Templeton Foundation and presented by MOVIEGUIDE®: The Family Guide to Movies and Entertainment.

“We are greatly encouraged to see such exceptionally gifted new writers coming through the Kairos Prize door.” said Dr. Ted Baehr, founder and publisher of MOVIEGUIDE®. “With one of our winning scripts produced and released last year, we are excited to see a number of others that are about to follow suit.”

Winners will be awarded by Dave Hollis, EVP, Motion Picture Distribution of Walt Disney Studios at the 20th Annual MOVIEGUIDE® Awards and Report to the Entertainment Industry Friday, Feb. 10, at the Universal Hilton Hotel in Universal City, California.

The 2012 finalists (in alphabetical order) are:

Paul H. Boge of East St. Paul, Manitoba, CAN for *MULLI*
Bret Eugene Boyer of Scottsdale, AZ for *TEXTING WITH GOD*
James M. De Vince of Wallingford, CT for *THE BASKETBALL*
David (Nicholas) Hartmann of Mason, OH for *A DOLPHIN IN OUR LAKE*
Bryan Lake of Stevenson Ranch, CA for *BOB*
Jeremy David Lee of West Hills, CA for *ROCK POINT DRAW*
Jacalyn S. McLeod of Lee's Summit, MO for *HOUSE OF HOPE*
Clark McMillian of Bowie, MD for *INVESTMENT IN TIME*
Sean Paul Murphy of Baltimore, MD for *I, JOHN*
Lizanne Southgate & Alan Sproles of Visalia, CA for *FIFTY SEVEN CENTS*
Marcus Webb of Stamford, CT for *AND THERE WAS LIGHT*
Amy Williams of Marina Del Rey, CA for *HALO THEORY*

In addition to the \$50,000 in prize money, the largest of its kind in the United States, the top three winners will have their scripts read by top studio executives, including executives at The Walt Disney Company, Sony, Warner Bros., and 20th Century Fox. Writers in Hollywood can work for years without such an opportunity.

“This year marks the twentieth anniversary for the Movieguide® Awards.” Dr. Baehr, said, “In many ways it is a renewal of our commitment to recognizing the numerous studio executives, writers, directors and producers who are getting it right by championing family and faith-centered entertainment. We are honored by an industry that has opened their doors to our competition winners as the Kairos Prize is an important part of that commitment.”

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Initiated in 2005, the \$50,000 Kairos Prize seeks to further the influence of moral and spiritual values with the film and television industries by inspiring first-time and beginning screenwriters to produce compelling, entertaining, spiritually uplifting scripts that result in a greater increase in either man's love or understanding of God. To that end, many of the winners have been optioned or have been signed by major agencies. 2011 saw the release of "Johnny," which was the Kairos Grand Prize winner of its inaugural year. Additionally there are currently several winners in the development pipeline.

More information is available online at www.kairosprize.com, or by calling (760) 687-9960.

The John Templeton Foundation (www.templeton.org) serves as a philanthropic catalyst for discoveries relating to the Big Questions of human purpose and ultimate reality. The Foundation supports research on subjects ranging from complexity, evolution, and infinity to creativity, forgiveness, love, and free will. It encourages civil, informed dialogue among scientists, philosophers, and theologians and between such experts and the public at large, for the purposes of definitional clarity and new insights. The Foundation's vision is derived from the late Sir John Templeton's optimism about the possibility of acquiring "new spiritual information" and from his commitment to rigorous scientific research and related scholarship. The Foundation's motto, "How little we know, how eager to learn," exemplifies its support for open-minded inquiry and its hope for advancing human progress through breakthrough discoveries.

Dr. Baehr is chairman of the Christian Film & Television Commission® (CFTVC) ministry and its family guide to movies, Movieguide® (www.movieguide.org). CFTVC and Movieguide® are an international non-profit ministry dedicated to "redeeming the values of the entertainment industry by influencing industry executives and by informing and equipping the public about the influence of the entertainment media."

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