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# INDIANA LIVING

24-hour film contest includes Hoosiers

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Three Indianapolis filmmakers are vying for \$10,000 in the second round of the NYC Midnight Movie Making Madness film competition.

Mike Jansen, Dan Hall and Rick Payne, united as Co- Motion Films, won the Indiana/Kentucky heat in a contest that drew nearly 300 teams from around the world competing in 24 regional heats.

Films could last no more than 10 minutes, and teams had two weeks to make a film from a supplied genre and subject.

Earned the opportunity

Their six-minute docudrama, "Psychic Ability," featured Indianapolis-area psychics "trying to earn a living as psychics." The movie won \$1,000 for its first-place finish in the regional heat, along with a spot in the finals, in which teams have 24 hours to make a movie from scratch.

NYC Moviemaking Madness, now in its second year, was founded by Craig Flamm and Charlie Weisman, two New York filmmakers who wanted to showcase digital filmmaking and give other filmmakers a chance to demonstrate what they could do.

Jansen, of Praxis Media Group, said that he was looking forward to the ultimate challenge: 24 hours to write, film, create a soundtrack and edit an original short.

At midnight Friday in New York City, finalists were scheduled to meet at DV Dojo, a film school in Manhattan's East Village. There, they would receive a genre and subject and have until midnight tonight to complete their films.

Audience to vote

The finalists' movies will be shown at 12:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday in New York City at the United Artists Tribeca Theater. At the 4 p.m. showing, the audience and a panel of judges will vote for the winner of the \$10,000 grand prize.

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Hall, a local filmmaker whose feature film "The Lil' River Rats and the Adventure of the Lost Treasure" has been picked up by Mainline Releasing, said earlier this week that they were trying to line up a crew and figure out where they were staying and the location of the nearest Starbucks.

He called the 24-hour whirlwind shoot "binge-drinking for filmmakers."

"All of us have done different kinds of things. I've done a couple of movies, Rick Payne did a movie ('69 the Highway'). But to just go and be involved in the mix and the spirit of it is really cool."

Hall heard about the contest from the Indiana Filmmakers Network, a locally based group that supports the efforts of Indiana filmmakers.

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