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INTERVIEW WITH THE CREATORS OF "A MILLION DOLLAR MOVIE"

Very few opportunities can arise for potential filmmakers or screenwriters these days, so when something like "A Million Dollar Movie" comes along, Cinema Crazed just has to talk about it. Like "Project Greenlight" sans the pompous celebrities, "A Million Dollar Movie" is the first net fundraised film project that will give a budding artist the opportunity to have a film made. But for that to happen, you have to donate. Donate, damn you.

How does this differ from the "A Five Dollar Movie" contest?

Well the fact that "A Five Dollar Movie" contest doesn't exist and our does!

What's the purpose of the contest?

A MILLION DOLLAR MOVIE.COM is the first \$1,000,000 movie funded entirely through the World Wide Web. Once funding is secured, Make It Happen Films will produce the movie and distribute it domestically and internationally. Funding will be secured through pixel advertising on A MILLION DOLLAR MOVIE.COM. Any individual or business may purchase ad space on our homepage. Space can be purchased for \$1 per pixel with a 100 pixel minimum and no maximum. Each buyer of advertising space will receive a personalized icon that will link directly to the website of his/her choice. The size of the icon is dependent on how many pixels are purchased. To guarantee buyers of advertising space a steady stream of new and repeat visitors to the site, a screenplay contest will run simultaneously with the advertising campaign. The screenplay contest winner will be chosen by the world via online voting; and Make It Happen Films will produce the screenplay with monies generated through advertising.

How did the idea for this come about?

Matteo Ribaudo crafted the idea after reading about a British University student who was able to generate 1 million dollars for his tuition through pixel advertising on his website. He wanted to use this same principle, but to finance a feature film. He also wanted the World Wide Web community's involvement in picking the script, thus the Screenplay contest was born. "It will truly be a movie that the world wants to see".

To whom is the contest open to?

We are accepting submissions from anyone 18 and older. Employees, contractors, or immediate family members of the principals of A MILLION DOLLAR MOVIE.COM and Make It Happen Films are ineligible to submit screenplays.

For those not quite clear, what's the result of winning?

Those who win the screenplay contest will win either \$10,000 or \$5000 (depending on the number of submissions) and have their screenplay made into a feature film.

Who is involved in this contest?

Matteo Ribaudo and Sean King, the producing partners on Make It Happen Films, and Russ Emanuel, who is a junior partner on the project and the web designer.

Are you seeking distribution with studios, or financiers?

It depends on how much money we raise. But we are definitely open to this idea.

How much have you raised so far?

As of today, we have raised \$68,400 with 19 companies that have already bought pixel ad space.

Have any major companies donated so far?

Several including Kodak (our biggest donator so far), Music Plus TV, Pro8mm, and Copter Vision.

What sort of screenplays are you accepting?

All genres will be accepted except pornography.

How are you judging the scripts, and who will be judging them?

All submissions will be judged by a panel of talent executives at a variety of studios, management companies and agencies who will select the top 10 finalists. The top 10 screenplays will then be available online for anyone in the world to vote for the screenplay they would like to see produced by Make It Happen Films.

How can people get involved in this contest?

For those interested, please go to our official A MILLION DOLLAR MOVIE.COM website at:

<http://www.amilliondollarmovie.com>

Or at our company website MAKE IT HAPPEN FILMS at **<http://www.makeithappenfilms.com>**

For web design information, you can contact Russ Emanuel at his Russem Productions website at:

<http://www.russem.com>

What's the deadline for the contest?

The entry deadlines are:

Early Bird Deadline:

May 15 – June 30, 2006 - \$35

Regular Deadline:

July 1 – September 30, 2006 - \$50

Late Deadline:

All late submissions should be postmarked or submitted no later than October 31, 2006.

October 1– 31, 2006 - \$75

After this, the notification process will take place on the following dates below:

November 1 – 30, 2006 (Top 50 Scripts Announced)

December 1, 2006 (Top 10 Scripts announced and public online voting begins)

December 1 – January 31, 2007 (Online voting period)

February 2007 (Winner announced)

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