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## **PARANOID PLAYS AT INAUGURAL DOLLAR BABY FESTIVAL**

Orono, Maine (September 11, 2004) – Jay Holben's *Paranoid*, an eight-minute psychological adaptation of the poem "Paranoid: A Chant" by Stephen King will play at the inaugural film festival of "Dollar Babies" on September 25th in Orono, Maine.

This will be the first public performance of *Paranoid* since the Los Angeles Film School's Halloween shorts screening in October 2003.

"Dollar Baby" is a term coined by the best selling author, Stephen King, for a select group of short stories that the writer has allowed student and aspiring filmmakers to adapt for the sole consideration of a single dollar.

As King explains in his introduction to the published screenplay for *The Shawshank Redemption* (Newmarket Press © 1996) "Around 1977 or so, when I started having some popular success, I saw a way to give back a little of the joy movies had given me . . . Over the objections of my accountant, who saw all sorts of possible legal problems, I established a policy which still holds today. I will grant any student filmmaker the right to make a movie out of any short story I have written (*not* the novels, that would be ridiculous), so long as the film rights are still mine to assign. I ask them to sign a paper promising that no resulting film will be exhibited commercially without my approval, and that they send me a videotape of the finished work. For this one-time right I ask a dollar. I have made this dollar-deal, as I call it [more than 20] times... [and] then put them up on a shelf I had marked Dollar Babies."

Dollar Baby James Renner, who made an adaptation of King's *All That You Love Will Be Carried Away*, has put-together the first ever public festival of these Dollar Baby adaptations to screen at King's Alma Matter, the University of Maine at Orono, where the author received an undergraduate degree in literature and his high school teaching certificate.

The film festival will take place September 25th at 7:00pm at the University of Maine at Orono in the Corbett Business Building. A Q&A with the directors will follow the two-hour event including *Paranoid's* Director Jay Holben.

For more information on *Paranoid* visit the official website at [www.paranoidthemovie.com](http://www.paranoidthemovie.com).

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