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Riding the Digital Wave Across 3 Generations

Santa Barbara, CA, April 17, 2006 : The 8th Annual Digital Days Festival coming Thursday, May 11, 2006 to the Arlington Theatre, Santa Barbara. Beginning with a free afternoon event, for all teens, friends and families, which focuses on filmmaking, content creation and media education. The evening fundraiser of music, movie and magic kicks off at 5:30pm with a VIP Reception at the Arlington followed by Live music and a screening of *Chasing Dora*. This event will benefit both the Surfrider Foundation and local youth media. So Bring your Friends.

Third generation filmmaker Wes Brown (grandson of Bruce Brown, *Endless Summer* and son of Dana Brown, *Step into Liquid*) and production partner TJ Barrick will hand out thousands of dollars of software during the 8th Annual Digital Days Teen Filmmaker Awards. Teen Filmmaker Winners will see clips from their movies on the BIG screen at the Arlington. This year's competition received submissions from local teens 13-19 years old with 10 film submissions from previous winners. These student submissions covered the range from Santa Barbara Middle School to USCB, including Anacapa School, Laguna Blanca, Bishop Diego, Dos Pueblos, San Marcos and Santa Barbara High Schools.

"We want the community to come out and support our talented Teens, who are making movies every year and winning contest nationally, working in the school's media classes" states Producer Richard Corwin. Digital Days sponsors Avid, Apple, Adobe, Autodesk, Macromedia, and others will supply the latest tools to the winning Teens. Fuel TV will be on board tossing out swag and talking about future opportunities available to older teens. The lobby will be alive with gaming, VR, and technology demonstrations including "Social Evolution" *simulated society* in association with UCSB Media Arts and Technology Program.

Digital Days will host an early evening benefit dinner reception from 5:30-7:00pm in the Arlington patio, which includes food by Virginia Caters, drinks, music by Soledadeez and a movie ticket. The monies from the reception will be donated to the Santa Barbara High School MAD Academy, local youth media programs, and the Santa Barbara chapter of the Surfrider Foundation.

Local surf legend Tom Curren and special guests will provide Live music for the evening event beginning at 7:00pm.

The Cap of the evening will be the screening of *Chasing Dora*, which depicts juxtaposition between old school and new school, between 25 pound wooden longboards and short light boards, between 2 schools, as both Munoz and Kelly Slater, at the Billabong Pro, make the fastest wave in the world look easy.

Chasing Dora, a mini travelogue/tribute to Surf legend Mikey Dora, documents three surfers who follow Dora's concept of surfing eight foot waves at Jeffrey's Bay, South Africa with no wetsuits, natural boards, and no judges. Robert "Wingnut" Weaver (star of *Endless Summer*

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Tickets for the VIP Reception and General Admission are available at the Arlington box office and at www.ticketmaster.com.

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