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R-Squared Productions and SYAA Offer Film Camp

MONROE, LA, June 25, 2013—Thirteen area students are currently participating in a film camp co-sponsored by R-Squared Productions and the Strauss Youth Academy for the Arts (SYAA). During the film camp, the students will be producing, acting in, and premiering a short film written by Rodney Ray, owner of R-Squared Productions.

During the first two days of the camp, held at R-Squared's Monroe office, the students have learned the basics of filmmaking. They have gained an insight into all of the planning and creative decisions that go in to each and every scene. They have also been given an opportunity for hands-on learning with some of R-Squared's camera, sound, and lighting equipment.

For the remainder of the week, the students and the R-Squared Productions staff will spend three days shooting the short film. Each of the students will have an opportunity to participate in each area of production throughout the process.

"SYAA is so excited to partner with R-Squared Productions to bring this unique experience to our community. Northeast Louisiana's teens have a great opportunity to learn about film making through hands-on learning alongside R-Squared professionals," Strauss representative Mary Johns said.

Each year, SYAA hosts a variety of summer workshops for students to participate in. Rarely, however, do they fill up as quickly or generate as much interest as this year's film camp, according to Johns. "The camp was full weeks before it started and we had to open a waiting list for additional students."

"Our company motto is to make Life-Changing Films. But through that, we want to both show off our local community and promote the arts here," said Rodney Ray. "Any time we have an opportunity to form a partnership like what we've developed with SYAA for this film camp, we're very interested. Not only do we get to work with some very talented young people, we also get a chance to shine a light on the great things that are happening in the arts in our community."

The completed short film will premiere this Saturday, June 29th, at 5 p.m. at the Strauss Youth Academy for the Arts' building, located at 1300 Lamy Lane in Monroe. The public is invited to attend the premiere and learn even more about the things both R-Squared Productions and SYAA are working on. Admission is Free.

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After the premiere, the film will be posted online and possibly submitted to local and regional film festivals. For the latest updates, including behind-the-scenes photos during the filming process, the public is invited to follow R-Squared Productions on Twitter: @R2Films, Facebook.com/R2Films, and on Instagram: @R2Films.

For more information on R-Squared Productions, visit their website: www.r2films.net. To learn more about the other summer workshops being offered at the Strauss Youth Academy for the Arts, or to find out which productions are coming to town soon, visit: www.straussyouthacademyforthearts.com.

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R-Squared Productions is a film company based in Monroe, Louisiana. Its mission is to create life-changing films.