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Award-Winning Film Score Meets Competitive Scrabble™ **QWERTY wins Best Film Music and Honorable Mention awards at Nashville Film Festival**

LOS ANGELES, CA -- *QWERTY*, a new feature film by critically acclaimed director Bill Sebastian, has won the Best Film Music award at the 43rd annual Nashville Film Festival.

QWERTY, currently on the film festival circuit, includes an original score by Oscar® and Emmy® nominated composer Bruce Chianese (ASCAP) and pianist composer Ricardo Veiga (ASCAP). *QWERTY* also includes original music compositions by The Sweet Hurt (ASCAP), The Californian (ASCAP), Paper Raincoat (ASCAP), Jonathan Price (BMI), Josh Pyle (BMI), Amanda Rowse, Tree Wave, and 25% Toby.

QWERTY is an Official Selection of the Nashville Film Festival, Dallas International Film Festival, Kansas City FilmFest, the upcoming Big Island (Hawaii) Film Fest, and Seattle's True Independent Film Festival. Additional major film festival screenings will be announced soon. The producers are currently in negotiations to secure domestic and international distribution for the film.

QWERTY is the offbeat love story about an introverted competitive Scrabble™ savant, Zoe, and her newfound love-interest, Marty, an irascible recluse. Together they try to carve out their place in a world filled with other people.

Film critics across the United States are raving about *QWERTY*. The Dallas Observer says *QWERTY* is "what every romantic comedy should be", and Nashville Scene magazine says *QWERTY* "has a triple word score worth of charm".

The independent film also won the Honorable Mention – Narrative award at Nashville Film Festival, competing against 15 other films to land the runner-up position.

QWERTY was filmed entirely on location in Chicago and is produced by Chicago film entrepreneurs Nat Dykeman and Jeremy Truelove. Award-winning writer Juliet McDaniel wrote the film's screenplay. *QWERTY* marks the second time Ricardo Veiga and director Bill Sebastian have collaborated; Mr. Veiga also scored Sebastian's award-winning film *Midlothia* (2007). Motion picture industry newcomer, Lance A. Schart, is the film's music supervisor. Scrabble™ is a registered trademark of Hasbro, Inc. and is used by permission.

Trailers, limited time streaming of the film's outstanding score, and additional information are available on the film's website, www.QWERTYtheMovie.com, (music: www.qwertythemovie.com/music.html), facebook.com/QWERTYtheMovie and twitter.com/QWERTY_TheMovie.

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