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**Stony Brook Film Festival Donating Complimentary Tickets to Vietnam Veterans--
The Landscaper's Daughter coming to Stony Brook Film Festival at Stony Brook University's Staller Center, Wednesday, July 25 at 7:00 pm**

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July 6, 2007, Stony Brook, NY -- The Stony Brook Film Festival is donating complimentary tickets to the short film *The Landscaper's Daughter*, screening at the Stony Brook Film Festival on Wednesday, July 25 at 7:00 pm. *The Landscaper's Daughter* was written with Vietnam veterans, teenagers and their families in mind and looks at the long term effects of combat and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Free tickets will be available through the Vietnam Veterans of America and the Long Island State Veterans Home.

The film was written by Reeves Lehmann, USMC Vietnam Veteran '68, and his daughter Meaghan Lehmann. It is about a high school history teacher who asks his class to interview a combat veteran as part of their study of wars. Sarah, the daughter of a local landscaper and a Vietnam veteran, approaches her father, who doesn't take well to the assignment.

Reeves Lehmann, who is Chairman of the Film Department at the School of Visual Arts, notes, "I sought my daughter's counsel to lend authenticity to the character's dialogue and teenage behavior. I wasn't much older than she when I went off to Vietnam. I knew

this was an opportunity to share my insights and experiences as a combat Marine and also begin to allow her to possibly understand the long-term effects of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and its impact on our relationship.”

“During the making of the film we received support from the local Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), The Marine Corps League, The Manhattan Veteran Center and some local veterans. We sought out veterans in cast and crew to ensure the integrity of the film and allow input during certain critical scenes. To date, the film has been screened for veterans, teenagers and their families with very positive results often leading to open discussions about PTSD,” added Mr. Lehmann.

After *The Landscaper’s Daughter*, an entertaining documentary, *Wrath of Gods*, follows, and the complimentary tickets are good for that film as well. There will be a question and answer session with the director following the short film.

The 12th Annual Stony Brook Film Festival opens on Thursday, July 19 with ten days of new independent features, documentaries, and shorts screened in the Main Theatre of Staller Center for the Arts at Stony Brook University, Long Island, NY.

For more information on the festival and a complete schedule of film and events, visit www.stonybrookfilmfestival.com. For more information on the complimentary tickets, call Jonathan Spier at the Long Island State Veterans Home, (631) 444-8615 .

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