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Coming Soon: Valencia College Student Produced Short Movie *Moments Like These*

The 7th Annual White Sands Film Festival rolls out 4-8 September 2013 in Las Cruces, New Mexico, and will include the Valencia College student short movie *Moments Like These* by writer/director Jeremy Hicks and editor/producer Frank Gould.

This short movie displays contemporary issues that celebrate the human spirit by depicting a difficult family situation and revealing a son growing up in photographs and memories. *Moments Like These* is a warm and heartfelt story about generations adapting to new challenges and successful accomplishments.

Based on a pantomime written and performed by Jeremy while attending high school in 2008, the Valencia College Film Production Technology class of 2011 selected his story as one of six short scripts to be completed as part of the program's graduation requirements. As a student at Valencia College, Jeremy and Frank participated in several other student short movies, three full-length feature movies, and graduated the program in August 2011.

The film students shot the footage throughout Central Florida and enrolled actors from the same area. Valencia College is located on several campuses in the metro Orlando, Florida area and the East Campus provided grip and lighting equipment, including a post-production workstation for final coloration. Jeremy's brother, John Hicks, composed the music and scored it to enhance the images and storyline.

In April 2012, the Treasure Coast International Film Festival selected *Moments Like These* as first place winner of the Student Film Competition. In March 2013, the Palm Beach International Film Festival awarded *Moments Like These* as first place winner of the Student Showcase of Films competition. In 2012, the short movie also screened in the 15 Minutes of Fame and Orlando Film Festivals.

In January 2011, Valencia's film program was cited among the nation's "super six" of cinema education by International Cinematographers Guild (ICG) Magazine, along with Brigham Young University, Howard University, Ithaca College, Savannah College of Art and Design, and the University of Kansas.

For further festival details, call the White Sands International Film Festival office at 575-522-1232. Trailers for the short can be viewed online at <http://momentslikethesetrailers.wordpress.com>.