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BROOKS INSTITUTE SCREENS AWARD-WINNING OCEANS OF STORMS TRILOGY

Santa Barbara, Calif -- February 13, 2007 -- As participants in the Santa Barbara Downtown Organization's *1st Thursday* initiative, Brooks Institute of Photography announced today it will screen "Ocean of Storms", a trilogy of short films written and directed by Brooks' Film & Video Program Director Glynn Beard, on Thursday, March 1, 2007 at 6 PM at Brooks Institute's Cota Street Campus located at 27 East Cota Street.

The trilogy is part of a nine-part series Beard has written about things that are important to him and that he wants to share with his son, Glyn, when he is old enough. "I wanted to take nine years to make them, and when Glyn turned 16, I wanted an opportunity to sit him down and show him the film of things that mattered to me that I wanted him to really think about."

"Success," the first part of the series, and "Exit," the third, portray everyday people who wilt under intense money-driven pressure. The second film series, "Son," has been the most successful of the three, winning Best Overall Short Film at the Lake County Film Festival in 2006 and Director's Choice at the ReelHeART International Film Festival in 2006.

While the first trilogy, which focuses on "costs," is complete, there are two more trilogies that remain to be filmed. The second trilogy, "Rituals," will focus on relationships, and is about a son whose mother dies unexpectedly, forcing him to face friends and family. There will be five more films to complete before son Glyn turns 16 in 2012.

Admission for the screening is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Brooks Institute Cota Street Gallery at (805) 690-4913, or email marketing@brooks.edu.

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Brooks Institute of Photography celebrates more than 60 years of educating students in the visual and media arts. With campuses in Santa Barbara and Ventura, California, the school offers Master's and Bachelor's degrees in fields including Professional Photography, Visual Journalism, Film and Video Production and Visual Communication. Brooks' graduates are visible nationally and internationally, working for distinguished organizations including National Geographic, Smithsonian, Los Angeles Times and other national media outlets, including Hallmark Publishing, Cousteau Society, HBO, Kodak and other industry leaders in the visual media arts fields.

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