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SANTA FE INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL TICKETS AND FESTIVAL PASSES
ON SALE AT THE LENSIC

SANTA FE, NM (September 12, 2011) – Beginning September 15, 2011, Festival Passes and Tickets for the 2011 Santa Fe Independent Film Festival (Santa Fe IFF) can be purchased through Tickets Santa Fe at the Lensic Performing Arts Center. The Santa Fe IFF begins October 19 and features five days of screenings and events through October 23, 2011.

“We are very excited about the 2011 Santa Fe Independent Film Festival. We have an amazing selection of shorts and feature films including New Mexico films, internationally acclaimed films, world premier films, films about health, our planet, arts, culture, music and communities worldwide. Our program will be available online October 1, 2011 and there will be films for every interest and for all ages.” said Executive Director Jacques Paisner.

Santa Fe IFF Festival Passes are \$150 and provides access to all Santa Fe IFF screenings, events and parties during the five day festival. Individual movie tickets are \$10/screening with discounted tickets for students and members. Due to limited seating at certain venues, early purchase is recommended. Tickets Santa Fe is located in the Lensic Performing Arts Center at 211 West San Francisco Street. Tickets can also be purchased by phone at (505) 988-1234 or online at <http://www.ticketssantafe.org/tsf>

The Santa Fe Independent Film Festival will showcase 100 films over five days. The current Santa Fe IFF Official Film Selection list includes *Beatles Stories*, *Bombay Beach*, *Cancerpants*, *Cultures of Resistance*, *Happy New Year*, *John Gray*, *L'Americano*, *Losing Control*, *Miss South Pacific*, *My Grandfather's Ship*, *Run to the East*, *The Encore of Tony Duran*, *The New Frontier*, *The Power of Two*, *The Welcome*, *Third and Fourth*, and *White Knight*. The selection process closes at the end of September and the final Official Film Selection list and program schedule will be available online October 1, 2011 at www.santafeiff.com.

The 2011 Santa Fe Independent Film Festival will take place at the Lensic Performing Arts Center, New Mexico History Museum Auditorium, Warehouse 21, Center for Progress and Justice and Aztec Café, all official sponsors of the Santa Fe Independent Film Festival.

Opening night, Wednesday, October 19th at the New Mexico History Museum Auditorium features a free-to-the-public gala screening of New Mexico shorts and the Billy Wilder classic “Ace in the Hole”, starring Kirk Douglas. The screening is followed by an Opening Night Celebration sponsored by Cowgirl Hall of Fame and the

International Association of Theatre, Stage and Entertainment (IATSE). IATSE will introduce their latest television pilot *Shot Here in Santa Fe*.

Thursday, October 22nd highlights films including Veterans, Health and Environmental awareness.

Friday, October 21st Oscar-nominated director Kirby Dick will introduce “This Film Is Not Yet Rated” at the Lensic Performing Arts Center at 7 pm followed by a party sponsored at RIZE Nightclub.

Saturday, October 22nd, Award-winning Bombay Beach by Alma H'arel will be screened at the Lensic Performing Arts Center. Santa Fe IFF will also present non-jury awards, its American Filmmaker Award to Oscar Nominated Documenteur Kirby Dick, New Mexico Filmmaker Award to Tony Mark (Hurt Locker) and New Mexico Lifetime Achievement in Film Award to Alton Walpole (Book of Eli).

Paisner highlights key contributors to the Santa Fe IFF. "We are very excited to work with generous sponsors, dynamic community partners and committed volunteers who make the Santa Fe IFF happen. Our newest sponsors include Icelandic Glacial, the award-winning carbon neutral natural spring water from Iceland that is the official bottled water of the 2011 Santa Fe IFF. IATSE's venue and event sponsorships builds collaborative opportunities to support New Mexico's important film industry. Cowgirl BBQ will co-host the Opening Night celebration, and there are many more sponsors that make the Fest a success."

Additional 2011 Santa Fe Independent Film Festival's sponsors currently include Aztec Café, Bioneers, Flying Star, Focus on Recovery, Garrett's Desert Inn, Greer Enterprises, Hinkle Hensley Shanor and Martin, LLP, Hutton Broadcasting, Image Ratio, KUNM, La Posada, Livingry Foundation, McCune Charitable Foundation, New Energy Economy, RDM and Associates, RITE Wellness Center, Reel West Pictures, Santa Fe.com, Santa Fe Arts Commission, Santa Fe Brewing Company, Santa Fe New Mexican, Senior Murphy, SourceDesign, Talisman Tattoo Shop in Taos, and Walter Burke Catering.

For more information about the festival go to www.santafeiff.com.

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About the Santa Fe Independent Film Festival (Santa Fe IFF)

Santa Fe IFF promotes artistic excellence in filmmaking, locally, nationally, and internationally. Our goal is to involve community in film for a meaningful experience and diverse audiences while elevating Media Literacy in every capacity for the understanding of contemporary society. Santa Fe IFF builds economic development from the local level to a global scale and offers to Santa Fe and its visitors the opportunity to experience yet another form of unique and vibrant art. Santa Fe IFF is dedicated to supporting local filmmakers living and working in New Mexico.