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PHILADELPHIA FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES CONFIRMED GUESTS AND ADDITIONS TO THE 20th ANNIVERSARY SLATE

JONATHAN DEMME, PETER BERG, JOE FRAZIER AND KEVIN CLASH (aka ELMO) ARE INCLUDED AMONG THE MANY ACTORS, FILMMAKERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS ATTENDING THE EVENT

(PHILADELPHIA, PA) October 14, 2011 – Each year, the Philadelphia Film Festival hosts a plethora of actors and filmmakers making extraordinary contributions to the world of cinema. The Festival is excited to welcome a variety of guests, as well as to proudly announce new additions to the current program, including short films and the much anticipated *Puss in Boots!*

PUSS IN BOOTS, Chris Miller, 2011, USA, 96 min (Dreamworks Animation)

Saturday, October 22nd; 10:30am at the Rave Theater

Long before he even met Shrek, the notorious fighter, lover and outlaw Puss in Boots becomes a hero when he sets off on an adventure with the tough and street smart Kitty Softpaws and the mastermind Humpty Dumpty to save his town. This is the true story of The Cat, The Myth, The Legend, The Boots.

Additional Short films include:

AARON BURR, PART 2, Dana O'Keefe, 2011, USA, 8 min

THE DUNGEON MASTER, Rider Strong and Shiloh Strong, 2011, USA, 13 min

HOW TO RID YOUR LOVER OF A NEGATIVE EMOTION CAUSED BY YOU!, Nadia Litz, 2010, Canada, 15 min

TWO DREAMS, Meredith Hama-Brown, 2011, Canada, 6 min

The Festival will further celebrate its 20th Anniversary by pairing film screenings and Q&As with the following guests:

Thursday, October 20, 2011

8:00pm LIKE CRAZY - Opening Night Celebration at the Annenberg Center's Zellerbach Theater
Director, Drake Doremus; with Actress, Felicity Jones

Friday, October 21, 2011

5:00pm UNDEFEATED – Ritz East Theater
Directors, Daniel Lindsay and TJ Martin

8:00pm THE REAL ROCKY - Ritz East Theater
Director, Jeff Feuerzeig; Producer, Mike Tollin; with Boxers Chuck Wepner & Larry Holmes

Saturday, October 22, 2011

- 12:00pm SHAKESPEARE HIGH – Prince Music Theater
Director, Alex Rotaru
- 2:30pm WHERE SOLDIERS COME FROM – International House
Director, Heather Courtney
- 4:45pm JOE FRAZIER: WHEN THE SMOKE CLEARS – Prince Music Theater
Director, Mike Todd with Boxer Joe Frazier
- 5:30pm GREEN – Rave Motion Pictures
Director and Actress, Sophia Takal
- 7:00pm LOSING CONTROL – International House
Director, Valerie Weiss
***Special Musical Performance by Singer/Songwriter Eleisha Eagle following the film.**
- 8:00pm COLLABORATOR – Ritz East
Writer/Director/Actor, Martin Donovan; Actor David Morse

Sunday, October 23, 2011

- 12:30pm TO BE HEARD - International House
Director, Roland Legiardi-Laura
- 2:00pm JEFF, WHO LIVES AT HOME – Prince Music Theater
Writer/Director, Mark Duplass
- 2:45pm BETWEEN TWO WORLDS – International House
Directors, Alan Snitow and Deborah Kauffman

Monday, October 24, 2011

- 2:30pm BETWEEN TWO WORLDS – Ritz East
Directors, Alan Snitow and Deborah Kauffman
- 5:00pm GIVE UP TOMORROW – International House
Director, Carmen L. Vicencio
- 7:45pm I'M CAROLYN PARKER – Ritz East
Director, Jonathan Demme

Tuesday, October 25, 2011

- 7:00pm FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS – Prince Music Theater
Writer/Director, Peter Berg with Author, H.G. "Buzz" Bissinger

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

- 7:30pm THE COLOR WHEEL – Rave Motion Pictures
Director, Alex Ross Perry

Friday, October 28, 2011

- 7:30pm BEING ELMO: A PUPPETEER'S JOURNEY – Prince Music Theater
Producer Corrine LaPooke with *Elmo* Puppeteer, Kevin Clash

Saturday, October 29, 2011

- 12:00pm FIRST POSITION – Prince Music Theater
Director, Bess Kargman
- 12:10pm SURROGATE VALENTINE – Ritz East
Director, David Boyle with Actor/Musician Goh Nakamura
- 5:05pm SCENES OF A CRIME - Ritz East
Directors, Grover Babcock and Blue Hadaegh
- 7:25pm ON THE ICE – Ritz East
Director, Andrew Okpeaha MacLean with Producer Cara Marcous

Sunday, October 30, 2011

- 1:00pm FIRST POSITION – International House
Director, Bess Kargman
- 3:00pm KEVIN – International House
Musician, Kevin Gant
***Special Musical Performance by film’s subject Kevin Gant following the film.**
- 5:00pm SURROGATE VALENTINE – International House
Director, David Boyle with Actor/Musician Goh Nakamura
***Special Musical Performance by Goh Nakamura following the film.**

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

- 7:30pm STAGING HOPE – Ritz East
Director, Melissa Fitzgerald with Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter

Wednesday, November 2, 2011

- 7:30pm STAGING HOPE – Ritz East
Director, Melissa Fitzgerald

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About the Philadelphia Film Society

The Philadelphia Film Society is a 501 (c)(3) not-for-profit arts organization that values film as a unique form of artistic expression and as a reflection of cultural, social, and economic diversity. It is the mission of the Philadelphia Film Society to promote film as a powerful means for strengthening community education, understanding, and engagement. PFS achieves its mission through various year-round film events, including the annual Philadelphia Film Festival, scheduled for October 20-November 3, 2011, and the filmadelphiaEXPERIENCE screening series, which serves to extend the Philadelphia Film Festival throughout the year.

For ticketing information about the Philadelphia Film Festival and the Philadelphia Film Society, please visit www.filmadelphia.org