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MEDIA ALERT

**BILLY WILDER HONORED ON SUNSET BOULEVARD
WITH SCREENING OF "ACE IN THE HOLE"**

WHAT:

AFI will screen Billy Wilder's overlooked masterpiece *ACE IN THE HOLE*, with an introduction by Charlotte Chandler, the acclaimed author of the new book *Nobody's Perfect: Billy Wilder - A Personal Biography*.

Special guests, including actress Nancy Olson, who starred as "Betty Schaefer" in Wilder's classic film *SUNSET BLVD*, will be on hand to honor the legendary filmmaker who passed away earlier this year.

Actor Michael York, Actress Nancy Olson (*SUNSET BLVD.*), Jan Sterling (*ACE IN THE HOLE*), and Director John Landis are among those confirmed to attend.

WHERE:

At The ArcLight Hollywood, 6360 Sunset Boulevard (at Ivar).

WHEN:

Thursday, November 21, 2002. Introductory comments by author Charlotte Chandler and other surprise guests will begin at 7:30 p.m. Screening of *ACE IN THE HOLE* begins at 8 p.m.

ABOUT BILLY WILDER:

Billy Wilder was one of the great filmmakers of the first century of American film, bringing audiences around the world classics like *SOME LIKE IT HOT*, *DOUBLE INDEMNITY*, *SABRINA*, *SUNSET BLVD*, *THE LOST WEEKEND* and *THE APARTMENT*.

ACE IN THE HOLE was Wilder's first film after the acclaimed *SUNSET BLVD*, and he often referred to it as the "runt of the litter" though it remained one of his favorite films and has recently been rediscovered with great acclaim by critics and scholars.

The film stars Kirk Douglas as a down-on-his-luck reporter covering the story of a man caught in the collapse of a New Mexico mine. When he realizes the power he wields, he creates a national media circus with questionable motives.

ABOUT AFI at ARCLIGHT

ArcLight Hollywood provides an unrivaled movie-going experience featuring diverse international cinema programs combined with unprecedented technology, amenities and comfort.

AFI hosts a variety of international film programs at the ArcLight Hollywood theatres. Among them have been Latin Cinema Milestones, The Music Documentary Series and Academy-Award Nominated Shorts. Ongoing premieres and special events are part of the ever-expanding line-up of unique film programs.

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