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EIGHTH ANNUAL AMERICAN FILM INSTITUTE (AFI) GOLF CLASSIC PRESENTED BY GENERAL MOTORS RETURNED TO THE RIVIERA COUNTRY CLUB

**EVENT CHAIR BUD YORKIN JOINED BY CELEBRITY GOLFERS
INCLUDING
MICHAEL CHIKLIS, PETER GALLAGHER, ANDY GARCIA AND RAY
ROMANO
IN SUPPORT OF AFI**

LOS ANGELES, CA, September 21, 2005—For the eighth consecutive year, the AFI Golf Classic returned to the famed Riviera Country Club Monday, rallying a host of film and television golfers to support AFI. All funds raised are in support of AFI's educational and cultural programs. The Tournament Presenting Sponsor is General Motors. Additional tournament sponsors include Anheuser-Busch, Calvin Klein, Izod and American Airlines, the Official Airline of AFI.

AFI trustee and Tournament Committee Chair Bud Yorkin led the event, which included (in alphabetical order) celebrity golfers Keith Carradine, Michael Chiklis, Eric Close, Mike Connors, Matt Craven, Mac Davis, Peter Gallagher, Andy Garcia, Paul Glaser, Joel Gretsch, Robert Hays, Dennis Haysbert, Joe Mantegna, Ed Marinaro, Bruce McGill, Kevin Nealon, Tom Papa, Ray Romano, Richard Schiff, Ray Stevenson and Mykelti Williamson.

Other participants included Steve Tahanyi, General Director, Marketing Alliances and Entertainment, General Motors; Michael Jackson, General Manager, Western Region,

General Motors; and Tony Ponturo, VP Corporate Media and Sports Marketing, Anheuser-Busch.

The Warner Bros. team that included actor Ray Stevenson of HBO's *ROME* and Bruce Rosenblum, President, Warner Bros. Television Group was the big winner of the tournament. Team members earned a two-day trip to the Bondurant School of High Performance Driving with classes, air fair and transportation provided courtesy of General Motors.

About the American Film Institute

AFI is a national institute providing leadership in screen education and the recognition and celebration of excellence in the art of film, television and digital media. AFI trains the next generation of filmmakers at its world-renowned Conservatory, maintains America's film heritage through the *AFI Catalog of Feature Films* and explores new digital technologies in entertainment and education through the AFI Digital Content Lab and K-12 Screen Education Center. As the largest nonprofit exhibitor in the US, AFI ON SCREEN encompasses the annual AFI FEST presented by Audi: AFI Los Angeles International Film Festival—as well as year-round programming at ArcLight Hollywood and the AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center in Silver Spring, Maryland, including SILVERDOCS: AFI/Discovery Channel Documentary Festival. AFI AWARDS, the annual almanac for the 21st century, honors the most outstanding motion pictures and television programs of the year, while **AFI's 100 Years . . .** series has ignited extraordinary public interest in classic American movies. And, during the past 33 years, AFI's Life Achievement Award has become the highest honor for a career in film. Additional information about AFI is available at [AFI.com](http://www.AFI.com).

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