



## NEWS RELEASE

### **AFI ASSOCIATES TO HONOR HOLLYWOOD'S ARQUETTE FAMILY WITH SIXTH ANNUAL 'PLATINUM CIRCLE AWARD'**

LOS ANGELES, March 28, 2006—The Arquette Family will be the recipients of the sixth AFI Associates Platinum Circle Award, given annually to honor a family whose creative contributions have significantly enhanced the entertainment community. Clifford, Lewis Rosanna, Richmond, Patricia, Alexis, and David Arquette along with family members Courtney Cox Arquette and Thomas Jane will be honored on Wednesday, May 10, at a luncheon at the Regent Beverly Wilshire Hotel. Posthumous tributes to Clifford and Lewis will be presented.

"The nine members of this true Hollywood family have made extraordinary contributions to the art of film and television. We are proud to honor them for their combined achievements and the body of work that their family has created," stated Carole Mitchell, President, AFI Associates.

The AFI Associates was formed in 1984 and for over twenty years has provided support to the American Film Institute and its programs. The AFI Associates have developed interesting and exciting events that provide community outreach and financial support for AFI, including the International Film Series, the Classic American Film Series and an Annual Premiere.

This year's Committee co-chairs are Elaine Abramson and Cathleen Leslie of the AFI Associates. The Honorary Event co-chairs are Jennifer Aniston, Jane Fonda, Lawrence Kasdan, Lisa Kudrow and Martin Scorsese.

Previous honorees of the AFI Associates Platinum Circle Award include members of the Penn family (Leo Penn, Eileen Ryan Penn, Michael Penn and Aimee Mann, Sean Penn and Robin Wright Penn and Chris Penn); the Fonda family (Henry Fonda, Jane Fonda, Peter Fonda, Troy Garity and Bridget Fonda); Debbie Reynolds, Carrie Fisher and Todd Fisher; and Walter, Carol and Charles Matthau.

Tables and individual tickets are available for the Platinum Circle Award Luncheon. Tribute ads honoring the Arquette family will be presented in the program book. For information about tickets, tables and tribute ads, contact Natalie McAdams 310.996.1030.

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**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://AFI.com).

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