

NEWS RELEASE



**AFI FEST 2008 PRESENTED BY AUDI ANNOUNCES
THE CANCELLATION OF THE WORLD PREMIERE OF “THE SOLOIST”
AS OPENING NIGHT FILM**

FESTIVAL WILL ANNOUNCE NEW OPENING NIGHT FILM TOMORROW

Los Angeles, CA, October 22, 2008—AFI FEST 2008 presented by Audi: AFI Los Angeles International Film Festival announces THE SOLOIST has been pulled as the Festival’s Opening Night Gala presentation. AFI FEST will announce its new Opening Night film tomorrow.

In a joint statement from Paramount Pictures, Dreamworks Pictures and Participant Media: “Due to the change in THE SOLOIST release date, we unfortunately had to withdraw from the AFI FEST Film Festival. It was an honor to be invited as the Opening Night film and we are very grateful to the festival for their support and understanding. THE SOLOIST filmmakers, DreamWorks, Universal, Participant and Paramount are very proud of this film and we are excited and committed to bring it to the world in March.”

“While we are greatly disappointed that AFI FEST will not have the opportunity to offer the World Premiere of THE SOLOIST, AFI’s priority is to honor the artists. We wish to be supportive in any endeavor that will help a film of this quality reach a greater audience,” said AFI FEST Artistic Director Rose Kuo.

AFI FEST 2008 will run October 30-November 9, 2008. Passes and individual film and event tickets are on sale now. To order passes and tickets and to get more information, visit www.AFI.com <<http://www.AFI.com>> <<http://www.AFI.com>> or call 1.866.AFI.FEST.

About AFI FEST

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. Celebrating its 22nd year as a program of the American Film Institute, AFI FEST 2008 presented by Audi will take place October 30-November 9. Kicking off the awards season each year, AFI FEST offers a crucial avenue of exposure to the entertainment community, while providing appreciative audiences with a festive atmosphere and the very best of world film, right in the center of the film capital of the world.

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