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### **STEVE GOLIN TO RECEIVE THE 19TH ANNUAL FRANKLIN J. SCHAFFNER ALUMNI MEDAL**

Honor to be Presented at  
37th AFI Life Achievement Award Tribute to Michael Douglas on June 11

LOS ANGELES, CA, May 26, 2009—American Film Institute (AFI) today announced that producer Steve Golin will receive the 2009 Franklin J. Schaffner Alumni Medal. Golin will be presented with the medal as part of the AFI Life Achievement Award honoring Michael Douglas on June 11, 2009, to be held at Sony Pictures Studios in Culver City.

Bob Gazzale, AFI President and CEO commented, "Steve Golin is not only a producer of the highest caliber and the guiding force behind some of the most daring films of modern day, but also one who inspires other artists to realize their dreams," said Bob Gazzale, AFI President & CEO. "It is an honor to recognize him as a graduate of the AFI Conservatory, particularly on this night when we celebrate Michael Douglas, with whom he collaborated on *THE GAME*."

Golin is the Founder and CEO of Anonymous Content, a development, production and management company. He is the producer of over 40 film and television projects, including *BABEL*, directed by Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu, which was honored with multiple Golden Globe and Oscar nominations; and won the Golden Globe for Best Picture, and Best Director at the 2006 Cannes Film Festival. Other highlights include *BEING JOHN MALKOVICH* (1999) directed by Spike Jonze and Michel Gondry's *ETERNAL SUNSHINE OF THE SPOTLESS MIND* (2004).

Golin's earlier producing credits include AFI alumnus David Lynch's *WILD AT HEART* (1990), *TRUTH OR DARE* (1991) with Madonna, Jane Campion's *THE PORTRAIT OF A LADY* (1996), David Fincher's *THE GAME* (1997) which starred AFI Life Achievement honoree Douglas, and Neil LaBute's *YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS* (1998) and *NURSE BETTY* (2000). He also produced such television series as *BEVERLY HILLS 90210*, *THE L WORD* and David Lynch's *TWIN PEAKS*.

Golin co-founded his first firm, Propaganda Films, with AFI alumnus Joni Sighvatsson in 1986. It became the largest music video and commercial production company in the

world, earning more MTV Video and Palme d'Or awards than any other company. Golin helped launch the careers of David Fincher, Spike Jonze, Michael Bay, Antoine Fuqua, Gore Verbinski, Alex Proyas, David Kellogg and Simon West among others.

Steve Golin is a member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and the Producers Guild of America.

The 18 prior recipients of the Schaffner Alumni Medal are David Lynch (1991), Edward Zwick (1992), Randa Haines (1993), Martin Brest (1994), Jon Avnet (1995), Carl Franklin (1996), John McTiernan (1997), Amy Heckerling (1998), Mimi Leder (1999), Terrence Malick (2000), Darren Aronofsky (2001), Todd Field (2002), John Dahl (2003), Patty Jenkins (2004), Paul Schrader (2005), Marshall Herskovitz (2006), Gary Winick (2007) and Mark Waters (2008).

The Franklin J. Schaffner Alumni Medal recognizes the extraordinary creative talents of a graduate of the AFI Conservatory or of the AFI Directing Workshop for Women who symbolizes the legacy of Franklin Schaffner. Over the course of a remarkable 40-year career, Schaffner earned a total of 28 Academy Award nominations and the directing Oscar for PATTON in 1970. Schaffner's association with AFI began in 1975, with his election to the AFI Board of Trustees, and lasted until his death in 1989.

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