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TELECONFERENCE CALL
TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2003 AT
11:00 AM EST OR 8:00 AM PST

Silver Spring, Maryland, May 16, 2003 – SILVERDOCS: AFI/Discovery Channel Documentary Festival will announce its film slate and spotlight symposia schedule in a dial-in Teleconference call for the media on May 20, 2003.

What: Media Teleconference Call Announcing Full Slate of Films for **SILVERDOCS**: **AFI/Discovery Channel Documentary Festival** , June 18 through 22, 2003, AFI Silver Theatre, Silver Spring, MD

Who: **John S. Hendricks** , Chairman and CEO, Discovery Communications, Inc.
Jean Picker Firstenberg , Director and CEO, American Film Institute (AFI)
Nina Gilden Seavey, Festival Director, SILVERDOCS
Donald A. Baer, Senior Executive Vice President, Strategy and Development, Discovery Communications, Inc.
James Hindman , Co-Director and COO, AFI

When: May 20, 2003, 11 AM EST or 8 AM PST

Dial-In: Domestic calls: 888.396.9971
International calls: 210.839.8501
Call Leader: David Leavy
Passcode: Silverdocs

Some highlights of the Teleconference are below. Participants involved will be announced during the call:

- **Opening Night North American Premier** : Straight from its World Premiere at Cannes, "**Charlie: The Life and Art of Charles Chaplin** will open SILVERDOCS
- "**Inside Politics**" night featuring a film and discussion with political strategists and campaign journalists
- Sports Night featuring **NFL Films**
- **Community Day** wraps up the festival with a screening of the behind-the-scenes documentary of **Tony Hawk's Boom Boom Huck Jam Tour**

More About the AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center

Anchored by the rehabilitation of noted architect John Eberson's historic 1938 Silver Theatre, the AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center is a 49,000 square foot complex with three theatres—one historic, two new state-of-the-art stadium-style theatres—a café, a film-based retail outlet, office and meeting spaces, and reception and exhibition areas. It is the anchor of an unprecedented public/private redevelopment effort in downtown Silver Spring, Maryland.

The AFI Silver is located in downtown Silver Spring, Maryland, at 8633 Colesville Road (between Georgia Avenue and Fenton Street). Conveniently located, the AFI Silver is two blocks from the Silver Spring Metro stop and easily accessible from the Capital Beltway (I-495), less than two miles from either the Georgia Avenue or Colesville Road exit. Phone: 301.495.6720. Web: http://AFI.com/Silver.

More About AFI

AFI is the preeminent organization dedicated to advancing and preserving the art of film, television and other forms of the moving image. AFI trains the next generation of filmmakers, coordinates nationwide film preservation efforts and explores new technologies in moviemaking. AFI also presents the best of film through the AFI Los Angeles International Film Festival (AFI FEST); the AFI National Film Theater at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC; the AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center in Silver Spring, Maryland; and the AFI Life Achievement Award, the highest honor given for a career in film. AFI's annual almanac for the 21st century, **AFI AWARDS**, honors the most outstanding motion pictures and television programs of the year. In addition, **AFI's 100 Years . . . 100 Movies**, **100 Stars**, **100 Laughs**, **100 Thrills**, **100 Passions** and **100 Heroes & Villains** (airing June 2003) have ignited extraordinary public interest in classic American movies. More information about AFI can be found by visiting its Web site, located at www.AFI.com.

More About Discovery Communications

Discovery Communications, Inc. is the leading global real-world media and entertainment company. DCI has grown from its core property, the Discovery Channel, first launched in the United States in 1985, to current global operations in more than 155 countries and territories with over 935 million cumulative subscribers. DCI's 33 networks of distinctive programming represent 14 entertainment brands including TLC, Animal Planet, Travel Channel, Discovery Health Channel, Discovery Kids, Discovery Times Channel, The Science Channel, Discovery Wings Channel, Discovery Home & Leisure Channel, Discovery en Español, HD Theater and The Health Network. DCI's other properties consist of Discovery.com and 154 Discovery Channel retail stores. DCI also distributes BBC America in the United States. DCI's ownership consists of four shareholders: Liberty Media Corporation (NYSE: L), Cox Communications, Inc. (NYSE: COX), Advance/Newhouse Communications and John S. Hendricks, the Company's Founder, Chairman and CEO.

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