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**SILVERDOCS: AFI/DISCOVERY CHANNEL DOCUMENTARY  
FESTIVAL  
2004 CALL FOR ENTRIES ANNOUNCED**

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Early Deadline: January 30

Late Deadline: March 5

Silver Spring, Maryland, November 12, 2003—**SILVERDOCS: AFI/Discovery Channel Documentary Festival** is now accepting entries for its second annual Festival. Created through a unique alliance between AFI and the Discovery Channel, **SILVERDOCS** will continue to establish benchmarks for excellence in the international documentary field.

**SILVERDOCS** will celebrate, honor and showcase more than 70 films from around the world from June 16 - 20, 2004. The Festival will be held at AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center, a restored 1938 art deco theatre complex.

The Washington, DC, area is home to **SILVERDOCS** as well as the most concentrated base of international policymakers, diplomats, producing organizations, world journalists, issue experts and activists on the planet. The AFI Silver's location puts **SILVERDOCS** in a unique position to bring together diverse and informed audiences to explore the art and craft of the documentary form and to examine the content revealed by nonfiction films.

"As we launch our 2004 Call for Entries, we look forward to searching the globe for the most exciting new documentaries and developing unique programs that use documentary as a point of departure for thoughtful and engaged discussions and special events," said Patricia Finneran, SILVERDOCS Festival Director.

Program strands for **SILVERDOCS 2004** include:

Feature Documentary Competition - A distinguished selection of new documentaries from around the world that demonstrate a bold commitment to subject matter, excellence in cinematic craft and innovation in storytelling.

Short Documentary Competition - Documentaries under 50 minutes that give the audience a concentrated dose of humor, intellect, passion, humanity and more.

World View - A diverse and colorful collection of films from the United States and abroad that uncover the thriving creative forces found in every corner of the world.

2004 Featured Program Strand: *On the Road* - An international collection of classic and new documentaries that celebrates the spirit of adventure and the process of discovery, symbolized by the open road.

Symposium Screenings - Documentaries that link the range of issues and viewpoints inherent in the documentary form with the diverse and informed audiences of the Washington, DC, area. Each Symposium Screening will be followed by a lively discussion, featuring special guests who will share their expert insight with the audience.

The distinguished **SILVERDOCS** Jury will select one feature and one short to receive a Sterling Award, conferring \$5,000 and \$2,500, respectively, to the filmmakers.

For complete information regarding eligibility, fees, terms of entry rules and to apply online or to download an application form, go to **www.SILVERDOCS.com** or contact **SILVERDOCS** at 301.495.6720, [info@silverdocs.com](mailto:info@silverdocs.com), or via mail at 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Early submissions must be received by January 30, 2004. Late submissions must be received by March 5, 2004. Entries submitted online through

Withoutabox.com receive a \$5 discount off the entry fee and an extended deadline of March 12, 2004.

## **More About SILVERDOCS: AFI/Discovery Channel Documentary Festival**

The inaugural **SILVERDOCS** featured 60 programs—and more than a dozen sold-out shows—in its four-day run of screenings and symposia, attracting an audience of more than 10,000 to the AFI Silver and more than 20,000 to **SILVERDOCS** Community Day. The 74 films were selected from a competitive field of more than 1,000 entries submitted from 68 countries.

In 2003, each evening of the Festival featured a Symposium Screening that engaged audiences directly and generated dialogue about the films presented. The Festival opened with Richard Schickel's CHARLIE: THE LIFE AND ART OF CHARLES CHAPLIN and closed with a special presentation of BERGA: SOLDIERS OF ANOTHER WAR, the final documentary from the late Academy Award-winning filmmaker Charles Guggenheim, whose legacy will be honored annually at the Festival's Charles Guggenheim Symposium. Other highlights included an evening with NFL Films President Steve Sabol and a screening of THE MAKING OF TONY HAWK'S BOOM BOOM HUCKJAM, followed by a massive outdoor skateboarding demonstration attended by more than 20,000 in downtown Silver Spring.

The 2003 Sterling Award for a feature went to Nathaniel Kahn, director of MY ARCHITECT. The 2003 Audience Award for a feature went to Peter Schnall, director of THIS IS A GAME LADIES. The Jury also awarded a special prize to Etienne Sauret for his September 11 firefighters documentary, COLLATERAL DAMAGES.

To view more information about **SILVERDOCS**, including the Photo Gallery and Festival Catalogue from the inaugural Festival, please visit [www.SILVERDOCS.com](http://www.SILVERDOCS.com)

## **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 at its world-renowned Conservatory, provides film preservation leadership and explores new digital technologies in moviemaking. AFI's New Media Ventures programs bring together the creative and digital communities, as the department seeks

to develop a literacy program for the 21st century, helping young people learn to read and write screens of all sizes—cinema, television, computer and the Internet. With AFI ON SCREEN, the institute is the largest nonprofit exhibitor in the US, with programs at 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; and the AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center in Silver Spring, Maryland. In its national exhibition activities AFI concentrates on film and video generally unavailable elsewhere in the region. AFI's annual almanac for the 21st century, **AFI AWARDS**, honors the most outstanding motion pictures and television programs of the year. **AFI's 100 Years . . . 100 Movies, 100 Stars, 100 Laughs, 100 Thrills, 100 Passions and 100 Heroes & Villains** have ignited extraordinary public interest in classic American movies. During the past 31 years, AFI's Life Achievement Award has become the highest honor for a career in film. More information about AFI can be found by visiting its Web site, located at [www.AFI.com](http://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 950 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 138 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.

#### **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 exits. Phone: 301.495.6720. Web: <http://AFI.com/Silver>.

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