



AFI FEST 2003

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AFI FEST 2003 ANNOUNCES CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

September 23, 2003 (Los Angeles)—**AFI FEST 2003** is looking for volunteers to help with all aspects of preparation and on site organization leading up to and during this year's Festival, which runs November 6-16.

Volunteers will learn the nuts and bolts of putting together a festival with opportunities in all departments, including Marketing, Publicity, Special Events, Hospitality and Theater Staff. Over 200 volunteers generously contribute their time and energy to AFI FEST each year, welcoming the world of cinema to Los Angeles.

For more information, please attend AFI FEST's Volunteer Call on Sunday, October 5, at **5:00 p.m.** on AFI's Campus (2021 N. Western Avenue, just north of the intersection of Western and Franklin) in the Mark Goodson screening room inside the Louis B. Mayer Library. This meeting is for both new and returning Festival volunteers and will include staff expectations and an explanation of the volunteer awards structure. All participants should come prepared with a completed volunteer application, which may be downloaded from the AFI FEST 2003 Web site following the 'Volunteer' link.

If you are unable to attend the Volunteer Call or would like more information about volunteering at AFI FEST, please contact Peggy Ellithorpe by e-mail at festvol@AFI.com, call 323.856.7744 or visit the AFI FEST 2003 Web site at www.AFI.com.

AFI FEST 2003 runs November 6-16 at ArLight Hollywood. Opening Night will be the North American Premiere of *CALENDAR GIRLS*, directed by Nigel Cole; two World Premiere Centerpiece Galas including Vadim Perelman's *HOUSE OF SAND AND FOG* on November 9 and Norman Jewison's *THE STATEMENT* on November 12; and Closing Night will be Patty Jenkin's *MONSTER*. AFI FEST 2003 will also include an International Competition of features, documentaries and shorts, as well as regional showcases of international cinema, including Asian

New Classics, European Film Showcase, Latin Cinema Series, American Directions, Made in Germany and Beyond Conflict: Focus on the Middle East.

AFI FEST 2003 is supported, in part, by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors through the Los Angeles County Arts Commission. AFI FEST 2003 is proud to continue its collaborative partnership with the Skirball Cultural Center. Made in Germany is made possible through the cooperation and support of the Export-Union of German Cinema.

Official AFI FEST 2003 sponsors include AFM 2004, Absolut, ArcLight Hollywood, Christie Digital, Chrysler Million Dollar Film Festival, CineSpace, Dell Computers, Los Angeles Times, Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA), Roosevelt Hotel – Hollywood, LA Weekly, FormDecor, Inc. and Venice Magazine.

Major Sponsors of the Festival are Adelphia Communications, Aloha Airlines, Eastman Kodak Company, Neutrogena, TriCoast Studios, Hollywood & Highland, Hollywood Sign Trust, Jurlique Australian Film Festival 2004, SILVERDOCS: AFI/Discovery Channel Documentary Festival and Variety.

For Festival ticket sales and information, please call 1.866.AFI FEST or visit the AFI FEST Web site at www.AFI.com.

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. A 49,000 square foot complex with three theatres—one historic, two new state-of-the-art stadium-style theatres—the AFI Silver exhibits 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.

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