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CHARLIE: THE LIFE AND ART OF CHARLES CHAPLIN

May 1, 2003 (Silver Spring, MD)—SILVERDOCS: AFI/Discovery Channel Documentary Festival is proud to announce the opening night film of the festival will be the North American Premier of Richard Schickel's documentary "Charlie: The Life and Art of Charles Chaplin."

Richard Schickel, one of the nation's most influential film critics, has been reviewing movies for TIME Magazine since 1972. Before that, he was the film critic for LIFE.

SILVERDOCS has accepted over 1,000 entries from 68 countries for its inaugural year in the summer of 2003.

Created and sponsored through a unique collaboration between the American Film Institute and Discovery Communications, Inc., **SILVERDOCS** will establish benchmarks for excellence in the international documentary field.

Between June 18 and 22, 2003, **SILVERDOCS** will celebrate, honor and showcase approximately 60 films worldwide. The Festival will be held at the newly restored, state-of-the-art AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center in downtown Silver Spring, MD.

Schickel is presently writing the film biography of actor, director and producer Clint Eastwood. His other books have included *Intimate Strangers: The Culture of Celebrity*; *D.W. Griffith: An American Life*; *The Disney Version*; *His Picture in the Papers*, about Douglas Fairbanks Sr. and the beginning of the modern celebrity system; *Schickel On Film*, a collection of his longer essays on film, and *Brando: A Life In Our Times*. Schickel pursues a second career as a producer-

writer-director of television programs, beginning with "The Men Who Made Movies", an eight-part PBS series, which served as the basis for a book of the same title and most recently, a documentary on the making of Clint Eastwood's "Unforgiven" for ABC and "Hollywood on Hollywood", a history of movies about making movies for AMC. He just finished "Elia Kazan: A Director's Journey", a retrospective of the director's theater and film career.

For complete information regarding film eligibility, entry rules or an application form, go to www.SILVERDOCS.com or contact **SILVERDOCS** at 301.495.6776, info@silverdocs.com, or via mail at 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Submissions must be received by March 1, 2003 or online by March 10, 2003.

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