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FRIDAY AT SILVERDOCS:

**SILVERDOCS PRESENTS MAKE IT FUNKY!
FREE OUTDOOR WORLD PREMIERE SCREENING**

Actor and Comedian Fred Willard In Person

**Big Sam's Funky Nation and Walter "Wolfman" Washington
to perform in the Silver Plaza prior to the screening**

**Renowned filmmaker Werner Herzog in person for the
Washington, DC Premiere of GRIZZLY MAN**

Silver Spring, Maryland, June 17, 2005—The Third Annual SILVERDOCS: AFI/Discovery Channel Documentary Festival presents the **World Premiere** of MAKE IT FUNKY! by Director Michael Murphy at 9:30 p.m. on June 17 at the AFI Silver Plaza. The screening is introduced by Actor and Comedian Fred Willard and preceded by free performances by New Orleans funk legends Walter Washington and Big Sam's Funky Nation at 7:30 p.m. Director Michael Murphy will be available for Q & A following the screening.

New Orleans is at the center of MAKE IT FUNKY! a documentary about the musicians who brought funk to rhythm and blues and rock and roll. The film features special appearances by the Neville Brothers, Allen Toussaint, Bonnie Raitt and Keith Richards as well as the evenings pre-screening performers.

What: SILVERDOCS presents MAKE IT FUNKY! preceded by **Free** outdoor performances by Big Sam's Funky Nation and Walter "Wolfman" Washington

Who: **Fred Willard**, Actor and Comedian
Michael Murphy, Director
Big Sam's Funky Nation
Walter "Wolfman" Washington

When: Friday, June 17, 2005
7:00 Performances
9:30 Film

Where: Silver Plaza in Downtown Silver Spring

Other Highlights on Friday, June 17 at SILVERDOCS:

11:00 a.m. HOME filmmaker Jeffrey Togman screens and discusses the **World Premiere** of his film, the story of two exceptional women and a commentary on the future of America's cities. With the help of a financial planner turned social worker, single mother of six Sheree Farmer struggles to buy her first home.

3:00 p.m. Pieter Fleury, Director of NORTH KOREA: A DAY IN THE LIFE will discuss his film which follows a day in the life of a Korean textile worker and her family in the country of Beloved Leader Kim Jong II. The ubiquitous propaganda and lifestyle constrictions seem irrelevant to her, but outrageous to western eyes.

5:00 p.m. FAVELA RISING will be presented by Directors Jeff Zimbalst and Matt Mochary. The film follows former drug dealer Anderson Sa who uses hip-hop and Afro-Brazilian dance to rally his community to fight against violence in Rio de Janeiro's most feared slums.

5:00 p.m. Filmmaker Alejo Hoijman will present the **North American Premiere** of the Jan Vrijman Fund Film HOME MADE MONEY about three inventors who implement a popular alternative tender in Argentina, a country of frozen bank accounts and skyrocketing inflation.

5:00 p.m. Legendary filmmaker **Werner Herzog** discusses his career in filmmaking at one of several SILVERDOCS International Documentary Conference Doc Talks in the Cinema Lounge.

7:00 p.m. Werner Herzog to discuss his film GRIZZLY MAN, the story of naturalist Timothy Treadwell, who lived and died among the grizzly bears of the Alaskan wilderness.

7:15 p.m. Filmmakers Henry-Alex Rubin and Dana Adam Shapiro join film subject, Mark Zupan in a post screening discussion of MURDERBALL. The US Paralympic rugby team in action is unlike any group of athletes shown on screen. These wheelchair athletes smash stereotypes and challenge our notions of manhood.

7:15 p.m. John Hyrns, a.k.a. "Johnny Berlin" joins filmmaker Dominic DeJoseph to present the **World Premiere** screening of JOHNNY BERLIN. The film chronicles the luxury train porter and struggling writer's perils and heartbreak of holding down a steady job on a moving train in this darkly humorous portrait of a midlife crisis.

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