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## PALM BEACH INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

### ANNOUNCES HONOREES FOR 15<sup>TH</sup> EDITION

BOCA RATON, FL – The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Palm Beach International Film Festival (PBIFF) is pleased to present the Lifetime Achievement Award to actor/director/producer **Burt Reynolds** and the Horizon Award to actor **Quinton Aaron**, who recently starred in the Academy Award-nominated feature *"The Blind Side."* Sadly, due to new scheduling conflicts, our previously announced Career Achievement Award recipient, Elliott Gould, will not be able to attend the festival.

The awards will be presented at the *Silver Screen Splash* on Friday, April 23, at the Omphoy Beach Resort. The 15<sup>th</sup> Palm Beach International Film Festival opens Thursday, April 22 through Monday, April 26, 2010.

"We are thrilled to be able to celebrate a living legend like Burt Reynolds while also acknowledging the emerging talent of Quinton Aaron," said Randi Emerman, PBIFF Director. Reynolds, a long-time friend of the festival, commented: "I am truly honored to be recognized by the Palm Beach International Film Festival for something I love and am passionate about doing. It is especially meaningful to have this award come from the festival in my hometown."

**BURT REYNOLDS** is an Academy Award nominee, as well as an Emmy Award and Golden Globe winner. For over 50 years, he has enjoyed enormous success as an actor and director in feature films, television and stage productions. In addition to receiving an Oscar nomination and winning the Golden Globe Award for *Boogie Nights*, Reynolds also received accolades from such esteemed organizations as The New York Film Critics, The Los Angeles Film Critics, The Chicago Film Critics and The National Society of Film Critics with Best Supporting Actor awards for his memorable role in that film. His most recent films include *A Bunch of Amateurs*, which was selected for the 2008 Royal Film Performance in England; *Broken Bridges* opposite Willie Nelson, *The Longest Yard* with Adam Sandler and Chris Rock, *The Dukes of Hazzard*, and *End Game* with

Cuba Gooding, Jr., as well as such classics such as *Deliverance*, *Starting Over*, *White Lightning*, *Semi-Tough*, *Hooper*, *Stroker Ace*, *Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*, *The Longest Yard* (the first one) and *Smokey and the Bandit*, to name just a few.

Actor **QUINTON AARON** will receive PBIFF's Horizon Award in recognition of his thoughtful portrayal of Baltimore Ravens offensive tackle Michael Oher, alongside Academy Award-winning actress Sandra Bullock in the Oscar-nominated hit film *The Blind Side*. While Aaron is not new to the acting scene, having appeared in smaller roles in such films as *Be Kind*, *Rewind* and *Fighting*, not to mention co-starring in a NYU thesis short film *Mr. Brooklyn* which screened at PBIFF last year, his role in *The Blind Side* marks his first lead role and surely won't be his last.

The Palm Beach International Film Festival is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization supporting film programs in local schools and dedicated to making a difference in the lives of future filmmakers by helping them fulfill their dreams to one-day work in the world of film. For more information, please call (561) 362-0003 or visit the festival web site at [www.pbifilmfest.org](http://www.pbifilmfest.org).

Passes are on sale now! Take advantage of these incredible packages packed with unbelievable benefits including an official program, discounts, early redemption privileges and more. Platinum passes are available for \$500, which include unlimited admission to all films, parties and the Silver Screen Splash Party; Premiere passes are available for \$250, which provide admission to all films, seminars and select parties; Gold passes are available for \$125, which include unlimited admission to all films with the exception of opening and closing nights, and seminars; and a student pass is \$25 with valid student ID, which allows students to see all films and seminars on a space-available basis. Tickets for Opening and Closing Night events are also on sale: \$50 for the Opening Night film and party (\$40 for party only) and \$30 for the Closing Night film and party (\$20 for part only). Individual screening tickets will go on sale starting Monday, April 5. Tickets for all movies are regular theatre admission (may differ by theatre) and can be purchased at each theater's box office, or in advance at [www.pbifilmfest.org](http://www.pbifilmfest.org) or [www.brownpaperticket.com](http://www.brownpaperticket.com).

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