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**PALM BEACH INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
CELEBRATES OSCAR NIGHT® AMERICA**

More than 300 attended Academy-sanctioned Oscar® party at Bogart's in Boca Raton

BOCA RATON, FL, February 25, 2009 – The Palm Beach International Film Festival (PBIFF) and its more than 300 guests celebrated the Academy Awards in style Sunday night. Sanctioned by the Academy of Motion Pictures and Sciences for the third year as the county's official Oscar Night® America Participant, the PBIFF teamed with Bogart's Bar and Grille at Muvico Palace in Boca Raton for a lively party and silent auction.

The PBIFF is the only organization in Palm Beach County to be selected for this honor and one of only 52 in the United States. Sponsors included Celebrity Cruises, Rapoport Restaurant Group, Bogart's Bar & Grille, First Priority Audio and Ketel One Vodka.

After a red carpet entrance, guests viewed the Academy Awards® on several screens in a private room, courtesy of First Priority Audio, while enjoying appetizers and libations. The event featured a silent auction with unique collectible Oscar items not found elsewhere in Palm Beach County, a raffle and "Predict the Winner" contests. Celebrity Cruises donated a five-day luxury cruise for the raffle along with martini shaker sets. The event was emceed by Tim Byrd (The Byrdman) of KOOL 105.5.

"We were thrilled by the wonderful support from our guests, sponsors and volunteers," said Film Festival Executive Director Randi Emerman. "Our guests thought it was the perfect way to experience the Oscars, with great food, people and fun."

About PBIFF

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.

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