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**PALM BEACH INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL  
HOSTS OFFICIAL OSCAR NIGHT® AMERICA EVENT  
PBIFF selected by Academy of Motion Pictures and Sciences**

**PALM BEACH, FL., March 3, 2008** – The Palm Beach International Film Festival (PBIFF), which was selected by the Academy of Motion Pictures and Sciences as an official Oscar Night America Participant, hosted a swanky soiree on February 24. The PBIFF was one of only 52 organizations in the United States to be selected for this honor and the only organization in Palm Beach County.

More than 300 guests celebrated Oscar Night America at a festive party at Bogart's at Muvico Palace in Boca Raton. Attendees were dressed in "Oscar Attire," and were greeted with a red carpet arrival. Guests mingled and cheered for their favorite Oscar Nominees over Bogart's famed hors d'oeuvres and cocktails by Perfect 1864 Vodka.

The event also featured a Silent Auction with rare items such as signed posters for the Academy Awards and the new film "Horton Hears a Who," and Sterling Vineyard wine bottles signed by Regis Philbin. Bloomingdales featured an informal fashion show modeling stunning Oscar style gowns. David Stern Jewelers donated four pieces of his exquisite jewelry for a raffle.

Sponsors included Bogart's at Muvico Palace, Bloomingdales, David Stern Jewelers and Perfect 1864 Vodka.

"We were thrilled by the response from guests and the community. We completely sold out the party and were honored once again to be selected as the only Academy-sanctioned Oscar Night America participant in Palm Beach County," said Randi Emerman, Executive Director of the Festival.

The Palm Beach International Film Festival is taking place April 10-17 and will feature independent films from around the world and eight nights of exciting events. Actor

Mickey Rooney and Jason Reitman, director of Oscar Winning “Juno,” will be honored at the Awards Gala on April 12. **For more information or tickets for the Festival please visit [www.pbifilmfest.org](http://www.pbifilmfest.org) or call 561-362-0003.**

### **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.

Founded in 1996, the Palm Beach International Film Festival emerged as a major cultural venue for the community as well as a productive fundraiser for film and TV education. Each year it introduces filmmakers worldwide to the area’s unique resources, while celebrating the history and future of the film industry with seven days of world premieres, special events, seminars, feature films, short films and documentaries.

The PBIFF has always been supported and attended by some of Hollywood's greatest talents: Academy Award® Winners Adrien Brody, Anthony Hopkins, Tommy Lee Jones, Faye Dunaway, Michael Caine, Richard Zanuck, and William Friedkin; Academy Award® Nominees Samuel L. Jackson, Salma Hayek, Edward Norton, Dennis Hopper, Sylvester Stallone, Woody Harrelson, Anouk Aimee, Shohreh Aghdashloo, Robert Evans, and Burt Reynolds. Filmmakers including Brett Ratner have strolled the festival’s red carpet over the years.

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