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**PALM BEACH INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL 2008  
FEATURES NEW SEMINARS, EVENTS AND TICKET PACKAGING**

**PALM BEACH, FL., October 1, 2007** – The Palm Beach International Film Festival (PBIFF), named one of the top 10 destination film festivals in the world, will be held April 10-17, 2008. The 2008 Festival, in its 14<sup>th</sup> year, will include more than 150 independent film screenings representing filmmakers from throughout the world. In addition, the Festival organizers have planned eight days and nights of seminars, workshops, endless networking opportunities and Palm Beach style parties at exciting and innovative venues. Key events include:

- Opening Night Film and Party, April 10
- Private home event, April 11
- Awards Gala and After Party, April 12
- Closing Night Film and Wrap Party, April 17

For the first time, the Film Festival is offering a “Platinum Pass” which includes admission to all of the above mentioned events, screenings, and seminars, including the Opening and Closing night parties, the Awards Gala, and Oscar Night America, as well as admission to daily private VIP happy hours and other private events.

The Festival will also add a new element designed to help develop independent filmmakers of today and tomorrow: the Film Financing Production Conference. The conference is free for any filmmaker who submits a film to the festival whether or not they are accepted and screened. These classes are focused on helping writers, directors, and producers of low budget and guerilla productions.

The Friends of the Film Festival will hold an official Oscar Night America event on the evening of Sunday, February 24. Guests will revel in the glamour and watch the Academy Awards in style at Palm Beach County’s only officially-sanctioned Oscar party.

**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.

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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 Adrian Brody, Anthony Hopkins, Tommy Lee Jones, Faye Dunaway, Dennis Hopper and Michael Caine; Academy Award® Nominees Samuel L. Jackson, Salma Hayek, Edward Norton, Sylvester Stallone, Woody Harrelson, Anouk Aimee, Shohreh Aghdashloo, Robert Evans, Burt Reynold. As well as filmmakers Brett Ratner, Richard Zanuck and William Friedkin are just a few who have strolled the festivals red carpet over the years. For more information, please call (561)362-0003 or visit [www.pbifilmfest.org](http://www.pbifilmfest.org).

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