



MEDIA ALERT

THE AMERICAN CINEMATHEQUE PRESENTS
THE 2008 PRESENTATION OF THE 23RD ANNUAL AMERICAN CINEMATHEQUE AWARD
HONORING SAMUEL L. JACKSON

WHO: This year's honoree is **Samuel L. Jackson**.

WHAT: The American Cinematheque Award presentation is one of Hollywood's premier annual events. The benefit dinner and live show is attended by prominent leaders in the entertainment industry. Each year the American Cinematheque Award honors "an extraordinary artist in the entertainment industry currently making a significant contribution to the Art of the Moving Picture." Past honorees are Eddie Murphy (1986), Bette Midler (1987), Robin Williams (1988), Steven Spielberg (1989), Ron Howard (1990), Martin Scorsese (1991), Sean Connery (1992), Michael Douglas (1993), Rob Reiner (1994), Mel Gibson (1995), Tom Cruise (1996); John Travolta (1997) Arnold Schwarzenegger (1998); Jodie Foster (1999); Bruce Willis (2000); Nicolas Cage (2001); Denzel Washington (2002); Nicole Kidman (2003); Steve Martin (2004); Al Pacino (2005); George Clooney (2006) and Julia Roberts (2007).

WHEN: Monday, December 1, 2008

5:30 PM Press Check-in opens on Plaza level across from the valet entrance. **The hotel respectfully asks that media not arrive until check-in time. All places on the carpet will be marked ahead of time.**

6:30 PM Arrivals begin. Red carpet is in the hotel lobby.

7:00 PM Photo Op (THE INTERNATIONAL GALLERY ROOM) with George Lucas doing a mock presentation of the award to Samuel L. Jackson.

***ALL ATTENDEES WILL BE ASKED TO DISPLAY PHOTO ID (CA Driver's License or passport) IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENT. Attire for guests is Black Tie Optional (not for press).
CAMERAS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE BALLROOM ITSELF.** (No sound or picture feed)

WHERE: Beverly Hilton Hotel (9876 Wilshire Blvd.) -- International Ballroom.

PARKING: **\$12 Parking at Robinson's May. No parking in the Hilton's Hotel Self-Parking.**

HOTEL POLICY: NO lounge-chair like furniture to be placed within the press pit area. NO food or beverage on the red carpet. The lobby bar is open if you wish to dine, but no orders can be placed and brought onto the red carpet. These rules are in place for the safety of members of the media and guests.

WHO BENEFITS:

Funds raised go toward the American Cinematheque's operating costs for its year-round public film and video programs.

EVENT CO-CHAIRS: Giorgio Armani, Peter Bart, Jeffrey Berg, Charlie Collier, Dick Cook, John Davis, Jordan Davis, Toby Emmerich, William Friedkin, Leonard Goldberg, Wendy Goldberg, Whoopi Goldberg, Steve Golin, Brad Grey, Andras Hamori, Alan Horn, Toni Howard, Cookie Johnson, Magic Johnson, Quincy Jones, Lisa Kasteler, Deborah Klein, Sherry Lansing, James Lassiter, George Lucas, Ron Meyer, Frank Miller, Rick Nicita, Joanna Poitier, Sidney Poitier, John Rigney, Jeff Robinov, James G. Robinson, Joe Roth, Eli Selden, Robert Shaye, Chris Silberman, John Singleton, Cara Tripicchio, Marco Weber, David Yarnell.

AWARD PRESENTATION BY: **George Lucas**

PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS: Vin Diesel, Andy Garcia, George Lopez, George Lucas, LaTanya Richardson, John Singleton, Sharon Stone, Justin Timberlake, Denzel Washington, Kerry Washington; **(on tape)** Nicolas Cage, Julianne Moore and John Travolta.

EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS: Paul Flattery & Barbara Smith

DIRECTOR: Michael Dempsey

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER, AMC: Mary Conlon

PRODUCER: Irene Crinita

WRITER: Paul Flattery & David Wild

EVENT PRODUCER: Mann Productions

BROADCAST: THE AWARD SHOW WILL BE TAPED FOR BROADCAST ON AMC ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2008, at 10 PM ET/PT. It will air as "Hollywood Celebrates Samuel L. Jackson: An American Cinematheque Tribute." This is the 7th year that the event is broadcast on AMC. Contact for AMC: Theano Apostolu 917-542-6361.

AMERICAN CINEMATHEQUE: Established in 1981, the American Cinematheque is a non-profit, viewer-supported film exhibition and cultural organization dedicated to the celebration of the Moving Picture in all its forms. The Cinematheque presents film and video programming that ranges from the classics and world cinemas to the outer frontiers of the art form. Exhibition of rare works, special prints within our series, etc., are a Cinematheque tradition that keep the avid film lover coming back for once-in-a-lifetime cinema experiences. We also treat our audiences to fascinating post-screening discussions with the filmmakers who created the work. The American Cinematheque owns and operates the historic 1922 Egyptian Theatre on Hollywood Boulevard. The building has won every major preservation award since the completion of its renovation in 1998. The Cinematheque also programs the 1940 Aero Theatre on Montana Avenue in Santa Monica. **Cinematheque is pronounced "Cinema-tech" like discotheque, not "Cinema-teek."**

CLIPS: AMC will provide clips on tape. If you would like to order clips, please contact:
Theano Apostolu at 917-542-6361. You can download a clip form on our website.

PHOTOGRAPHS: Available upon request. Jackson receiving the award from George Lucas; Rick Nicita (American Cinematheque Chairman); Henry Shields Jr. (Cinematheque President) and Barbara Smith (American Cinematheque Executive Director); plus arrivals. Available from all major photo agencies such as AP, Berliner Studios, Getty, Reuters, WireImage, etc. Photos obtained from agencies will require a fee.
Contact Andrea Collins at WireImage - 323.202.4122 or andrew.collins@wireimage.com

More Information at www.americancinematheque.com

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A BENEFIT FOR THE AMERICAN CINEMATHEQUE IN CONNECTION
WITH YOUR COVERAGE. PROVIDING US WITH COPIES OF YOUR
COVERAGE, AND KEEPING IN TOUCH BY COVERING OUR MANY
OTHER EVENTS AT THE AERO AND EGYPTIAN THEATRES
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, WILL HELP TO BUILD YOUR
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CINEMATHEQUE.
WE WELCOME NEW FRIENDS!!!**

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