



MEDIA ALERT

THE AMERICAN CINEMATHEQUE PRESENTS
THE 2006 PRESENTATION OF THE 21ST ANNUAL AMERICAN CINEMATHEQUE AWARD
HONORING GEORGE CLOONEY

WHO: This year's honoree is **George Clooney**.

WHAT: The American Cinematheque Award presentation is one of Hollywood's premiere 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 include: 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) and Al Pacino (2005).

WHEN: Friday, October 13, 2006

5:00 PM Press Check-in opens Plaza level in center of hotel lobby (across from guest check in)

6:00 PM Arrivals begin. Red carpet is in the hotel lobby.

7:00 PM Photo Op (THE GALLERY ROOM) with George Clooney & Julia Roberts.

(No sound or picture feed)

***ALL ATTENDEES WILL BE ASKED TO DISPLAY PHOTO ID (CA Driver's License or passport) IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENT. Attire is Black Tie Optional. No Parking validations.**

CAMERAS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE BALLROOM ITSELF.

WHERE: Beverly Hilton Hotel (9876 Wilshire Blvd.) -- International Ballroom. Self Park. No validation.

WHO BENEFITS:

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

EVENT CO-CHAIRS: Giorgio Armani, Paul Attanasio, Ellen Barkin, Peter Bart, Bruce Berman, Gail Berman, Tim Bevan, Gail & Ira Brodsky, Colin Callender, Graydon Carter, Don Cheadle, Ethan Coen, Joel Coen, Dick Cook, Matt Damon, Danny DeVito, Eric Fellner, Scott Frank, Jim Gianopulos, Tony Gilroy, Akiva Goldsman, Brian Grazer, Brad Grey, Grant Heslov, Alan Horn, Barry Levinson, Bryan Lourd, Michael Lynne, Barry Meyer, Ron Meyer, Rick Nicita, Brad Pitt, Sydney Pollack, Rob Reiner, Julia Roberts, Jeff Robinov, James Robinson, Tom Rothman, Steve Samuels, Joel Schumacher, Michael Shamberg, Robert Shaye, Stacey Sher, Jeff Skoll, Stacey Snider, Steven Spielberg, Linda May & Jack Suzar, Bob Weinstein, Harvey Weinstein, Catherine Zeta-Jones.

AWARD PRESENTATION BY: **Julia Roberts**

OPENING/CLOSING SHOW: **Bonnie Hunt**

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE: **Peter Cincotti**

PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS: Ellen Barkin, Don Cheadle, Danny DeVito, Morgan Freeman, Salma Hayek, Richard Kind, Julianna Margulies, Carl Reiner, Jerry Weintraub, Bruce Willis, Noah Wyle
Pre-recorded messages from: John Cusack, Matt Damon, David Letterman, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, David Strathairn, Renee Zellweger, Catherine Zeta-Jones

EXEC. PRODUCERS: Paul Flattery & Barbara Smith

DIRECTOR: Michael Dempsey

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER AMC: Rob Sorcher and Dave Ladik

PRODUCER: Irene Crinita

WRITER: Paul Flattery & David Wild

EVENT PRODUCER: Mann Productions

BROADCAST: THE AWARD SHOW WILL BE TAPED FOR BROADCAST ON AMC ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2006 at 8 PM ET/PT. It will air as "Hollywood Celebrates George Clooney: An American Cinematheque Tribute. This is the 5th 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 which 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 Marlea Willis (AMC) at 917-576-8395

PHOTOGRAPHS: Available upon request. Clooney receiving his award; 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: Berliner Studios, Getty, Reuters, WireImage, AP, etc. Photos obtained from agencies will require a fee.

More Info. at: www.americancinematheque.com

WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU TO MENTION THAT THIS EVENT IS 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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