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Actors Robert Redford and Wes Studi, Sibylle Szaggars Redford, Musician Thomas Dolby and Director Leslie Zemeckis headline Albuquerque Film & Media Experience Week-long Festival June 3-9

Inaugural Event Celebrates Film, Music, Arts and Entertainment with World-Premiere Movies, Domestic and International Films, Actor/Director Panels, Art Exhibits, Concerts and More

Albuquerque, NM, May 23, 2013 - An Evening with Robert Redford and Robert Lynch, CEO for Americans for the Arts, A Night of Performance Art with Sibylle Szaggars-Redford and David Thor Jonsson... six world movie premieres... more than 80 domestic and international film screenings... over two dozen panel discussions and “intimate conversations” with notable filmmakers and actors from throughout the world... art exhibits at Popejoy Hall... A Taste of Film at Indian Pueblo Cultural Center... and international spotlight countries, Israel and the UK are what comprise this groundbreaking and impactful, inaugural week-long Albuquerque Film & Media Experience, scheduled to run June 3-9 at venues along historic Route 66 in the Nob Hill neighborhood and downtown.

Created and executive produced by Ivan Wiener, AFME’s vision is to honor the power of film and all storytelling through the arts. Inspired by Sibylle and Robert Redford, the week-long celebration has attracted the participation of many industry leaders and luminaries from both local New Mexico productions and Hollywood. From musician and film director, Thomas Dolby, to actors Wes Studi (AVATAR, LAST OF THE MOHICANS, HEAT), Elizabeth Pena (BLAZE YOU OUT, LA BAMBA), Lew Temple (LONE RANGER, WALKING DEAD), Giancarlo Esposito (BREAKING BAD, REVOLUTION, DO THE RIGHT THING), Steven Michael Quezada (BREAKING BAD); directors Leslie Zemeckis (BOUND BY FLESH) and

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Joshua Michael Stern (jOBS, SWING VOTE); actor and director Federico Castelluccio (THE SOPRANOS), and many more.

“We are really looking forward to bringing everyone together in the Land of Enchantment,” said Wiener. “There’s no better time to spotlight Albuquerque, New Mexico and all we offer in terms of cultural heritage, scenic beauty, the growing film industry and of course, our Historic Mother Road, Route 66.”

The Albuquerque Film & Media Experience is an impactful event for the City of Albuquerque that represents creative achievement in film, music, arts and entertainment. AFME programming includes domestic and international movies, new media, food and art, intimate conversations, panels and time with industry leaders in attendance.

About Trimecca, LLC. The mission of Trimecca, LLC is to transform community through the power of story, laughter, art and film, while positively impacting economic development. The company produces, promotes and presents conscious media year round, through film and creative events, while celebrating the art of storytelling and being human. The firm brings filmmakers, storytellers, artists and visionaries together to co-create a more tolerant and compassionate world through educational and fun lecture series, movie screenings and events.

About Ivan Wiener, Co-Founder. With over 20 years of experience in hospitality and entertainment, Ivan Wiener has become a key resource and go-to consultant for A-list talent, producers, directors and other clients in the film and entertainment industries. His concierge company, Reel Solutions, is consistently complimented as one of the top services in the New Mexico film community. He produce the Albuquerque Film & Media Experience, after serving as executive producer of another film festival from its successful inaugural year in 2009 to 2011. Wiener is also co-director of the New Mexico Entertainment Museum and Hall of Fame and has been a producer on several movies, television shows and documentaries. Before moving to

New Mexico, he served as head concierge of the historic Watergate Hotel in Washington, D.C., and was a personal assistant to the late actor Dennis Hopper.

World Premieres

“Justice Denied”

Directed by Mike Miller and co-directed by Geri Lynn Weinstein-Matthews, “Justice Denied” tells the unwritten and unknown stories of a dozen men and women who have been assaulted in the U.S. Military and are forced to keep quiet. “Justice Denied” will be shown Saturday, June 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the KiMo Theatre, 423 Central Avenue, NW in Albuquerque.

“Circle the Wagen”

Directed by Ryan Steven Green, “Circle the Wagen” tells the story of two friends’ journey on Route 66 aboard a 1972 Volkswagen bus. When the bus breaks down and leaves the two stranded, the friends find safe harbor in teaming with a group of Volkswagen diehards who ultimately help save their bus. “Circle the Wagen” will premiere Sunday, June 9 at 4:30 p.m. at Guild Cinema, 3405 Central Avenue NE in Albuquerque, with a second screening at 7:30 p.m. at The Lobo Theatre.

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“Chasing Moonflowers”

Directed by Cortland Wilson, “Chasing Moonflowers” is a short film featuring the barren Southwest as a deceiving adventure when Pete and his mismatched friend attempt to return an ancient Anasazi artifact to a dark and remote cavern. “Chasing Moonflowers” will be shown Saturday, June 8 at 1 p.m. at Guild Cinema, 3405 Central Avenue NE in Albuquerque.

“Moses on the Mesa”

Directed by Paul Ratner, “Moses on the Mesa” is a short film that tells the real-life tale of Solomon Bibo, a Jewish immigrant who left Germany in 1869 to seek out his fortune in America. Through a twist of fate, Solomon becomes governor of the Acoma pueblo in New Mexico. “Moses on the Mesa” will be shown Sunday, June 9 at 2 p.m. at The Lobo Theatre, 3013 Central Avenue NE in Albuquerque.

“Scene Missing”

Directed by Alex Cox, “Scene Missing” is a documentary showing the interviews of Tomas Milian, Henry Jaglom, Paul Lewis, Don Gordon and others who talk about Dennis Hopper’s “The Last Movie,” which has remained unseen by the public. “Scene Missing” will be shown Sunday, June 9 at 2 p.m. at Guild Theatre, 3405 Central Avenue NE in Albuquerque.

“Legend of Love”

Directed by John Quashie and multiple cast members, “Legend of Love” sets deep in the south of the U.S. in the year 1890 when racism and class warfare ruled. Eve, a second generation freed slave, falls in love with Adam, the only son of Jack, a ruthless plantation owner. The story shows how not even death can separate Adam and Eve. “Legend of Love” will be shown Friday, June 7 at 6 p.m. at The Lobo Theatre, 3013 Central Avenue NE in Albuquerque.

Domestic and International Films

With more than 80 domestic and international films, the highlights include:

“Blaze You Out”

Directed by Mateo Frazier and Diego Joaquin Lopez, “Blaze You Out” tells the story of Lupe, a strong-willed aspiring disc jockey, and her younger sister Alicia who live in a neighborhood taken over by the use of heroin. When Alicia witnesses a murder and mysteriously disappears, Lupe must find the courage to rescue her sister by connecting with the divine spirit that surrounds her. “Blaze You Out” will be shown on Wednesday, June 5 at 8 p.m. at the KiMo Theatre, 423 Central Avenue, NW in Albuquerque.

“Keep Your Enemies Closer, Checkmate”

“Keep Your Enemies Closer, Checkmate” is a short film written and directed by Federico Castelluccio. In the action-packed thriller, an Interpol agent tracks down the leaders of a drug Cartel and things quickly turn for the worse with an unexpected twist in the end. “Keep Your Enemies Closer, Checkmate” will be shown with the screening of “Blaze You Out” on Wednesday, June 5 at 8 p.m. at the KiMo Theatre, 423 Central Avenue, NW in Albuquerque.

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“Road to Peace”

Directed by Leon Stuparich, “Road to Peace” is a documentary that follows the Dalai Lama during a visit to Great Britain as he shares his spiritual and humanitarian message. “Road to Peace” will be shown on Thursday, June 6 at 7 p.m. at the KiMo Theatre, 423 Central Avenue, NW in Albuquerque. HH Dalai Lama’s personal Musician, Newang Kechong, will be performing both before and after the screening with a special reception hosted by Flying Star Café. A portion of the proceeds will support the Tibetan Society.

“Bound by Flesh”

Directed by Leslie Zemeckis, “Bound by Flesh” is a documentary about the untold story of Siamese twins Daisy and Violet Hilton, who were sold at birth and became the biggest stars of vaudeville. “Bound by Flesh” will be shown on Thursday, June 6 at 6 p.m. at Guild Cinema, 3405 Central Avenue NE in Albuquerque. Leslie Zemeckis will be in attendance. A “Vaudeville era” after party is being hosted by Rockit Hair Studio.

Special Events

AFME will host a variety of one-of-a-kind special events. They include:

Thomas Dolby Screening and Live Concert Performance

Singer-songwriter and Director Thomas Dolby, best known for his 1982 hit single “She Blinded Me with Science,” will kickoff AFME with a screening of his first film “The Invisible Lighthouse,” followed by a live concert. The screening and concert will take place on Monday, June 3 at 7 p.m. at The Lobo Theatre, 3013 Central Avenue NE in Albuquerque.

An Evening with Robert Redford and Robert Lynch

Actor Robert Redford will engage in a night of conversations, insights, laughter and memories. Accompanied by Robert Lynch, CEO and President of Americans for the Arts, they will share their love for filmmaking, art and living in the Land of Enchantment. **The Honorable Richard J. Berry will be making the evening's introduction.** An Evening with Robert Redford, will take place on Friday, June 7 at 6 p.m. at the Hiland Theater. A pre-show cocktail reception will take place prior to the event, 4804 Central Avenue SE in Albuquerque.

Night of Performance Art with Sibylle Szaggars Redford, David Thor Jonsson, featuring Robert Redford and NDI-NM Founding Artistic Director, Catherine Oppenheimer

Night of Performance Art brings together the mediums of art, music, dance, film and poetry with visual images. Artist Sibylle Szaggars-Redford's work comes to life on stage with a live piano performance by Icelandic composer and musician, David Thor Jonsson, a dance interpretation choreographed by NDI Founding Artistic Director Catherine Oppenheimer, and a special poetry reading by Robert Redford. Night of Performance Art will take place on Saturday, June 8 at 6 p.m. at the Hiland Theater. Following the event, AFME is hosting a SOLD OUT special VIP dinner with Redford and Szaggars-Redford with a portion of the proceeds benefitting NDI New Mexico, 4804 Central Avenue SE in Albuquerque.

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A Taste of Film

A Taste of Film is a food and film lover's event where the art of film is showcased through the culinary canvas of Indian Pueblo Cultural Center Executive Chef Michael Giese. Emceed by SAG/AFTRA President and Actor Bill Sterchi and Janae, afternoon drive host from Clear Channel's All the Hits Albuquerque 95.1 FM, guests will be taken on a journey of the senses where imagery of the silver screen is interpreted through Chef Michael's creative themed hor's doeuvres and a six course epicurean experience. A Taste of Film will take place on Tuesday, June 4 at 6 p.m. at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, 2401 12th Street NW in Albuquerque, with all proceeds benefiting The Storehouse, a food share and rescue program.

Intimate Conversations

AFME will host 10 Intimate Conversations with actors, directors and filmmakers on a variety of topics including Actor Wes Studi; Actor/Director Federico Castelluccio; Actor Elizabeth Pena; Actor Lew Temple; Costume Designer Darryl Garcia; Casting Director Jo Edna Boldin; Actors Chad Brummett and Jeremiah Bitsui; Hollywood Makeup Artist Emily Katz; Director Joshua Michael Stern; and Director James Carman, Hypnotherapist Dolores Cannon, and Investigative Journalist and Documentary Producer Linda Moulton-Howe. Visit www.abqfilmexperience.com for individual event details and times.

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