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FILM AND EPICUREAN WORLDS COLLIDE AT THE 18TH ANNUAL FLORIDA FILM FESTIVAL

Orlando, FL – (Aug. 25, 2008) – Cutting-edge American independent and international film paired with fine cuisine and wine will take a bow at the 18th annual Florida Film Festival March 27 through April 5, 2009.

Accredited by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, the festival welcomes more than 25,000 guests each year, playing host to more than 100 visiting directors, producers, and award-winning talent. Kicking off the opening weekend food and wine celebration will be an eclectic lineup of guest chefs partaking in culinary demonstrations, casual brunches, and elegant dinners.

“Regarded as one of the region’s top film festivals, and ranked as one of the 15 ‘Best Vacation Film Festivals’ in the world, the Florida Film Festival is an established part of Central Florida’s cultural calendar and international film scene,” said Shanon Larimer, Executive Director.

The festival provides an immersion of more than 160 films, glamorous parties, industry forums, panel discussions, and "meet the filmmaker" events. For up-to-date information on festival events and packages or to submit a film for consideration, please visit FloridaFilmFestival.com. Film voucher packages and ticketed events will become available in late October, just in time for the holidays.

The Florida Film Festival is the premier showcase for American independent and international film held each spring. The festival, which debuted in 1992, is a core program of ENZIAN, a nonprofit cultural organization founded in 1985.

The festival is funded in part by primary sponsor, Full Sail University, national and local corporations, and Orange County Government through the Arts and Cultural Affairs Tourism Program. The festival is also supported by United Arts of Central Florida with funds from the United Arts Campaign and by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, the Florida Arts Council, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

ENZIAN and the Florida Film Festival have served more than 1.5 million guests and hosted Academy Award winning celebrities including Paul Newman, Cliff Robertson, Rod Steiger, Oliver Stone, Christopher Walken, and Haskell Wexler.

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