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**FILM INDEPENDENT ANNOUNCES JURORS FOR
2010 LOS ANGELES FILM FESTIVAL, PRESENTED BY THE LOS ANGELES TIMES**

LOS ANGELES (June 17, 2010) – Film Independent, the non-profit arts organization that produces the Spirit Awards, the Los Angeles Film Festival, and year-round artist development programs and exhibition events, announced its jurors for the 2010 Los Angeles Film Festival, presented by the Los Angeles Times. The Festival kicks off today until June 27th in downtown Los Angeles, and is centered at L.A. LIVE.

The narrative jury consists of director Charles Burnett (*Killer of Sheep, The Glass Shield*), screenwriter/producer Larry Karaszewski (*Ed Wood, The People vs. Larry Flynt*), and *LA Weekly* film critic Ella Taylor. The documentary jury is comprised of director/actress Karen Moncrief (*Blue Car, The Dead Girl*), director Arthur Dong (*Licensed to Kill, Hollywood Chinese*), and film critic and journalist Robert Abele. Writer/performer Sandra Tsing Loh (solo show “Mother on Fire,” novel *If You Lived Here, You’d Be Home By Now*), actor Andrew Garfield (*Boy A, The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus*) and director Tommy O’Haver (*An American Crime, Ella Enchanted*) round out the shorts jury.

“I’m so excited to have all these great talents join us at the Festival this year,” said Artistic Director David Ansen. “We have a strong competition line-up with more international feature films and shorts than ever before, so we’re sure to have some lively cinematic discussions.”

The competition winners will be announced at the Awards Brunch at CHAYA Downtown on Saturday, June 26, with the audience winners to be announced the following day.

Visit www.LAFilmFest.com for screening dates and times, and to purchase tickets and passes.

ABOUT THE 2010 LOS ANGELES FILM FESTIVAL

Now in its sixteenth year, the Los Angeles Film Festival is widely recognized as a world-class event, showcasing the best of new American and international cinema and providing the movie-loving public with access to some of the most critically acclaimed filmmakers, film industry professionals, and emerging talent from around the world.

The Festival features unique signature programs including the Filmmaker Retreat, Ford Amphitheater Outdoor Screenings, Poolside Chats, and more. Additionally, the Festival screens short films created by high school students and has a special section devoted to music videos.

Over 200 features, shorts, and music videos from more than 40 countries make up the main body of the Festival.

The Los Angeles Film Festival is presented by the Los Angeles Times and is supported by L.A. LIVE and Premier Sponsor ZonePerfect® Nutrition Bars and Principal Sponsors Kodak and Subaru. Special support is provided by the National Endowment for the Arts and The Academy Foundation of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. The Standard, Downtown LA is the official Host Hotel, American Airlines is the Official Airline Partner, WireImage is the Official Photography Agency, and PR Newswire is the Official Breaking News Service of Film Independent.

More information can be found at LAFilmFest.com

ABOUT FILM INDEPENDENT

Film Independent is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit arts organization that champions independent film and supports a community of artists who embody diversity, innovation, and uniqueness of vision. Film Independent helps filmmakers make their movies, builds an audience for their projects, and works to diversify the film industry. Film Independent's Board of Directors, filmmakers, staff, and constituents are comprised of an inclusive community of individuals across ability, age, ethnicity, gender, race, and sexual orientation. Anyone passionate about film can become a member, whether you are a filmmaker, industry leader, or film lover.

With over 250 annual screenings and events, Film Independent provides access to a network of like-minded artists who are driving creativity in the film industry. Film Independent offers free Filmmaker Labs for selected writers, directors, and producers; provides cut-rate services for filmmakers; and presents year-round networking opportunities. Film Independent's mentorship and job placement program, Project:Involve, pairs emerging culturally diverse filmmakers with film industry professionals.

Film Independent produces the Los Angeles Film Festival, celebrating the best of American and international cinema, and the Spirit Awards, a celebration honoring films and filmmakers that embody independence and dare to challenge the status quo.

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