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OJAI FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES 2009 BOARD AND MAJOR EXPANSION

Ojai, California. November 21, 2008 – The Ojai Film Festival announced today its incoming 2009 board of directors as it prepares for its tenth anniversary and a major expansion. The 2009 board is:

David Shor, Chairman & President
Steve Grumette, Artistic Director
Herb Hemming, VP of Operations & Secretary
Bill Monot, VP Development
Lori Wyatt, VP Finance & Treasurer
Jim Holland, VP Special Projects
Rinaldo Brutoco, Director
Sheila Cluff, Director
Vicki Baldwin, Director
Michael Kelly, Director
John Bennett Perry, Director
Kathy Hartley, Director

The Ojai Film Festival recently completed its 2008 festival, its largest and most successful to date. According to David Shor, the festival's chairman and president, "2008 has been a banner year for our festival in every way. This year's festival opened with our first annual Ojai Film Festival Celebrity Golf Classic at the Ojai Valley Inn & Spa, which was a huge success and was made possible in large part because of our newly formed partnership with the 5 Diamond Ojai Valley Inn & Spa. Nearly 100 golfers and 20 celebrities from the worlds of motion pictures, television and music participated. Additionally we honored the incomparable Ray Bradbury and filmmakers Lauren Shuler Donner & Richard Donner with lifetime achievement awards, and we attained BAFTA accreditation. We had our highest attendance in history and best of all, nearly 500 incredible films were submitted of which 55 were screened. This coming year will be huge for us as we begin the planning process for our tenth anniversary and a major expansion into Ventura becoming a regional – destination film festival".

For more information about the Ojai Film Festival visit www.ojaifilmfestival.com

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