

Facets Screen Gems Gala

Wednesday, October 22, 2008

Facets Screen Gems Gala Celebrates 25th Anniversary of the Chicago International Children's Film Festival

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- All of Chicago is invited to walk the red carpet at the Facets Screen Gems Gala, Wednesday, October 22, at The Arts Club of Chicago (201 East Ontario), and to join Facets in toasting the 25th Anniversary of the Chicago International Children's Film Festival (CICFF). The Screen Gems Gala celebrates Facets, creator and producer of the CICFF, the oldest and largest festival of films for children in North America, and home to the world's largest archive of foreign, classic American and independent films on video. All proceeds from the event benefit the 25th Annual Chicago International Children's Film Festival.



The fete is expected to draw in more than 200 guests - from civic leaders and philanthropists to film enthusiasts, critics, filmmakers and celebrities. Honorary Chairs include Mayor Richard Daley and Chaz and Roger Ebert. During the evening's festivities, Facets will present film producer Gigi Pritzker with the Facets Legend Award and actress Ally Sheedy with the Facets Brilliance Award, for their accomplishments in cinema and children's literature.

The Screen Gems Gala will include a dinner, entertainment and live auction, with packages ranging from a catered "movie night" with Harold Ramis to weekend trips to film festivals in New York and San Francisco. Celebrities' top ten favorite DVDs will be available for bidding during a silent auction. Guests will also "bid" on the chance to send underprivileged children to the Festival on scholarship. Margo Blair and Melissa McClayton, Gala Co-Chairs, have led a dynamic committee in planning an unforgettable evening.



For the past 25 years, 400,000 Chicago area



children - 100,000 of them on scholarship - have attended the CICFF, the oldest and largest festival of films for kids and the only Academy-qualifying children's festival. Each October, these children come together with filmmakers from all over the world to view and critique the finest positive, non-violent films for their age group. The Festival exposes underserved and minority children to positive media images of people like them, at the same time showcasing the diverse experiences of children from across the globe. Among the several hundred celebrities and media professionals who have attended the Festival over the years include Shia LaBeouf, LeVar Burton, Jake Gyllenhaal, Jane Seymour and Timothy Hutton.

For 33 years, Facets Multi-Media has been a leading force for vibrant, independent cinema. Home to the world's greatest library of classic, independent, documentary and art films as well as a year-round schedule of unique film screenings, classes and director seminars, Facets' mission is to preserve, present and distribute independent, world and classic film and to educate adults and children on the art and legacy of film.

The Screen Gems Gala begins at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$350 and can be obtained by calling Facets Multi-Media at (773) 281-9075.

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