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Take Part in the Celebration of Peace at Orlando's 6th Annual Global Peace Film Festival

(Orlando, FL - June 2008) – Mark your calendars for one of Orlando's most significant cultural events, the **Global Peace Film Festival**, held **September 17 – 21, 2008**. This acclaimed series celebrates films that set out to make a difference in the world.

With a mission to educate and inspire through the art of film, the Global Peace Film Festival uses the power of the medium to move people beyond their political, geographic and personal boundaries to embrace peace. Patrons will have the opportunity to enjoy a variety of independent films from around the world; the GPFJ offers both real and fictional stories of people and cultures striving for peace – from human rights to the arts and urban planning.

Films of all types - feature films, documentaries, comedy and drama, animated and live action shorts and local films are all included in Orlando's Global Peace Film Festival.

Film screenings will take place at select venues throughout Orlando and Winter Park. This year, the Festival returns to **Rollins College**, with screenings in the **Bush and SunTrust Auditoriums**, and the **Orlando Science Center**, where films focusing on the environment will be featured. New venues this year are the **Winter Park Library and Gallery at Avalon Island** in downtown Orlando, sponsored by **ArtistsRegistry.com**. The café at the Gallery at Avalon Island will be open before and after screenings for filmgoers to enjoy music and light food and beverages.

A complete listing of films and the schedule for the Global Peace Film Festival with film screenings, panel discussions, times and locations will be available in August.

This year, the Festival is host to four discussion panels held throughout the week. Topics include: *What is Peace; Making Films That Make a Difference – Focus on Documentary; Peace Pitch - A Filmmaker's Work in Progress* and a *Media Day of Dialogue*. Patrons of the Festival will also have opportunities to meet filmmakers and special guests, take part in events and enjoy the school art exhibition, "Imagine Peace," in Orlando's City Hall.

Tickets to the Global Peace Film Festival screenings are \$8 each, and go on sale in early August. Tickets can be purchased at Bullfish 102 N. Park Avenue, Winter Park, or on www.redchairproject.com. Patrons can also purchase a Silver Pass for \$99 and a Gold Pass for \$199. Passholders are entitled to attend film screenings at all venues at any time. Gold Pass Holders receive a poster signed by visiting filmmakers.

The Festival kicks-off with a **Celebration Preview Party** held on Friday, September 12, 2008 at Bay 2 in Orlando. Guests will enjoy preview screenings, art exhibits and music, in addition to light food and beverages.

Culminating the five-day film festival is a **Global Peace Street Fair** on September 21 - **the United Nations International Day of Peace**. Created in partnership with Bullfish on Park Avenue, the Street Fair takes place from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Morse Blvd. in Winter Park, between Park and Knowles Avenues. Vendors will be on site offering a myriad of activities, demonstrations and shopping experiences, with themes including *Fashion for Peace, The Environment and Water Conservation, Music and Art, Fair Trade, Wildlife* and *Organic Gardening and Landscaping*.

Highlighting the Street Fair is the **International Pet Parade for Peace**, held at 11:00 AM, which pet lovers will be sure to enjoy. All people and well socialized pets on a leash are invited to take part in the parade, and owners are encouraged to dress their pets in international costumes that represent their heritage. For more information on the Pet Parade, contact Heather Rybka, Festival Manager at parade@peacefilmfest.org.

The Global Peace Film Festival is currently accepting vendors to participate in the Street Fair. The cost to be a vendor is \$100 or \$25 for non-profit organizations. For more information, email Holly Roark, vendor coordinator at streetfair@peacefilmfest.org.

Last year, Festival patrons were the first to see the Oscar-nominated films, "Taxi to the Dark Side," and "War Dance." Visit www.peacefilmfest.org or www.redchairproject.com for more information.

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