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THE SIXTH ANNUAL BOSNIAN-HERZEGOVINIAN FILM FESTIVAL (BHFF™)
ANNOUNCES CALL FOR ENTRIES

NEW YORK, February 2, 2009: The sixth annual Bosnian-Herzegovinian Film Festival (BHFF™), which will take place in New York City in May 2009, announced a call for entries with the official deadline of March 15, 2009.

Since its founding in 2003, BHFF has gained a reputation as an important showcase of contemporary Bosnian-Herzegovinian cinematography. This unique cultural event organized by two New York area-based not-for-profit organizations, Voice of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Inc. and Academy of Bosnia and Herzegovina, provides a platform for the exposure of up-and-coming and internationally-renowned Bosnian-Herzegovinian filmmakers. BHFF also features films that focus on Bosnia and Herzegovina, thus contributing to a greater understanding of this country, its diverse culture, complex history and challenges it faces.

Although, on average, Bosnia and Herzegovina, a very small country, generates only several feature films per year, its filmmakers have gained worldwide recognition, often producing award-winning movies on very low budgets. Recent examples are Oscar-winning film “No Man’s Land,” film “Grbavica,” winner of the Golden Bear award at Berlinale and the short film “In the Name of the Son”, winner of approximately twenty international awards and counting.

The BHFF selection committee will consider feature films, short films, documentary films, documentary short films and animated films by Bosnian-Herzegovinian filmmakers, Bosnian-Herzegovinian production as well as films that have Bosnia and Herzegovina as their theme. Films that are selected for the sixth annual BHFF may be eligible for the “The Golden Apple” BHFF audience awards.

For more information about the submissions process and to download the entry form, visit <http://www.bhffnyc.org/>. Those interested in supporting the festival through sponsorship opportunities or individual donations should contact Almir Lucević (almir@bhffnyc.org or 917-250-1200).

The Bosnian-Herzegovinian Film Festival (BHFF™) is an annual event, organized by the Voice of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Inc. and the Academy of Bosnia and Herzegovina, which features award-winning films by emerging Bosnian-Herzegovinian filmmakers or films that have Bosnia-Herzegovina as their theme. For more information, visit <http://www.bhffnyc.org/>.

The Voice of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to preserving and raising awareness of the Bosnian-Herzegovinian culture in the Tri-State area and beyond. The Voice of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Inc. broadcasts a weekly radio program in Bosnian language and organizes events for the Bosnian-Herzegovinian community. For more information, visit <http://www.voiceofbh.org>.

The Academy of Bosnia and Herzegovina is a member-based not-for-profit organization with a mission to support the empowerment process of a new generation of Bosnians and Herzegovinians living in the United States and around the world. The Academy provides networking opportunities for young professionals and serves as a platform for various cultural, arts, and educational programs led by its members. For more information, visit <http://www.academybh.org>.

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