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**THE SIXTH ANNUAL BOSNIAN-HERZEGOVINIAN FILM FESTIVAL (BHFF™)
TO TAKE PLACE MAY 15 AND 16 AT TRIBECA CINEMAS IN NEW YORK CITY**
March 15th is the official call for entries deadline

NEW YORK, March 1, 2009: The sixth annual Bosnian-Herzegovinian Film Festival (BHFF™) will take place May 15 and 16, 2009 at Tribeca Cinemas, one of New York City's highly regarded film institutions.

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 filmmakers and 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 "No Man's Land," "Grbavica," winner of the Golden Bear award at Berlinale and "In the Name of the Son", winner of approximately twenty international awards and counting.

This year, the official call for entries for the sixth annual BHFF ends on March 15. The committee will consider feature films, short films, documentary films, documentary short films and animated films by Bosnian-Herzegovinian filmmakers 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" audience awards.

Benefiting from six years of experience, the festival has made a number of improvements to its processes. Filmmakers now have the capability to submit their application online, through a secure server. Beyond this, potential donors can support BHFF cause through a number of ways, including Facebook, PayPal or via check.

For more information about the submissions process, visit <http://www.bhffnyc.org/>, or contact Amir Husak (amirhusak@gmail.com or (313) 729-8096). Those interested in supporting the festival through sponsorship opportunities or individual donations may 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>.

Tribeca Cinemas is downtown's home for film premieres, gala receptions, intimate gatherings, live events and more. Tribeca Cinemas is the home of the Tribeca Film Festival and a year-round venue available for a multitude of private events. For more information, visit www.tribecacinemas.com.

