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**THE NINTH ANNUAL BOSNIAN-HERZEGOVINIAN FILM FESTIVAL (BHFF™) TO
TAKE PLACE MAY 3 THROUGH 5 AT TRIBECA CINEMAS IN NEW YORK CITY**
March 15th is the official call for entries deadline

NEW YORK, December 2011: The ninth annual Bosnian-Herzegovinian Film Festival (BHFF™) announced a call for entries with the official deadline of March 15, 2012. The festival will take place May 3-5, 2012 at Tribeca Cinemas, one of New York City's highly regarded film institutions.

“We are extremely pleased to be able to bring yet another edition of the Bosnian-Herzegovinian Film Festival to the New York audiences. We are looking forward to receiving entries from around the world,” said Amra Turalic, spokesperson for BHFF.

The Bosnian-Herzegovinian Film Festival is an annual event, which features contemporary Bosnian Herzegovinian cinematography and films with Bosnia and Herzegovina as their theme. Since its founding in 2003, BHFF has gained a reputation as an important showcase. 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, thus contributing to a greater understanding of this country, its diverse culture and complex history. To date, BHFF has screened more than 80 feature length, short, documentary and animated films viewed by several thousand people.

Although Bosnia and Herzegovina, a country in Southeastern Europe slightly smaller than West Virginia, generates only several feature films per year, its filmmakers have gained worldwide recognition, producing award-winning movies on very low budgets. Recent examples are “Grbavica,” winner of the Golden Bear award at Berlinale, “Snow,” which took awards at Cannes Film Festival and Hamptons International Film Festival, as well as “On The Path,” winner of Yerevan International Film Festival.

The BHFF committee will consider feature films, short films, documentary 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 ninth annual BHFF may be eligible for the “The Golden Apple” 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 should contact Almir Lucević (almir@bhffnyc.org or 917-250-1200) and Selma Avdičević (selma@bhffnyc.org or 917-975-9034).

The Bosnian-Herzegovinian Film Festival (BHFF™) is an annual event, 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 not-for-profit cultural and advocacy organization, which serves as a platform for various cultural, arts, and professional exchange programs led by its members that are intended to benefit the Bosnians and Herzegovinians in New York City and United States. For more information, visit <http://www.academybh.org/>.

Tribeca Cinemas is the 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 <http://www.tribecacinemas.com/>.

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