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## THE TENTH ANNUAL BOSNIAN-HERZEGOVINIAN FILM FESTIVAL (BHFF) ANNOUNCES FILM LINE-UP FOR MAY 9-11 EVENT AT TRIBECA CINEMAS IN NEW YORK CITY

NEW YORK CITY, April 2013 - The executive board of the Bosnian-Herzegovinian Film Festival (BHFF) has announced the film lineup for its tenth annual event. A total of 13 films will screen May 9-11 at Tribeca Cinemas in New York City. They include five feature films, five short films, and three documentaries.

The films screening at the 2013 BHFF were carefully selected from 32 submissions from 11 countries including Bosnia-Herzegovina, Canada, Croatia, England, Ireland, Italy, Macedonia, the Netherlands, Serbia, Slovenia, and the United States.

One film, Nebojša Šerić-Shoba's **"The Blockhouse,"** makes its world premiere at the 2013 BHFF. As seen from the perspective of a soldier on the front line, it chronicles the jarring transition that occurs when he leaves the battlefield to call his mother.

Three films, **"Roundabout"** ("Kružni tok"), **"Something Sweet"** ("Nešto slatko") and **"Thank You For Sunderland,"** ("Hvala za Sunderland") will premiere in the U.S. at this year's Festival.

In Orsi Nagypal's short film "Roundabout" ("Kružni tok"), a disillusioned man falls in love with the female voice of his GPS. The film received the Atlantic Group Award at the 2012 Sarajevo Film Festival.

Jelena Gavrilović's "Something Sweet" ("Nešto slatko") is a short film that portrays the life of Ena, a 10-year-old girl struggling to find her place in the world, who has a constant urge to eat something sweet.

Slobodan Maksimović's feature film "Thank You For Sunderland," ("Hvala za Sunderland") is a dark comedy that portrays the life of a factory worker whose life falls apart in a day, after he loses stolen money on the Asian stock market. "Thank You For Sunderland" debuted at the 2012 Slovenia Film Festival, winning awards for best actor, best supporting actor, and best film.

Having its New York premiere at the 10th annual BHFF is Arsen Ostojić's **"Halima's Path"** ("Halimin put"), an unforgiving drama about a mother's journey to collect her son's bones years after the Bosnian war. With a dozen of awards from six festivals, the film has been sweeping the festival circuit with awards from juries and audiences alike. A Q&A session with the filmmaker will take place during Closing Night of the Festival at 10:00 PM in The Varick Room.

Other films included in the selection are:

- Miro Benković's **"Mirza Delibašić - The Legend"**, ("Mirza Delibašić - legenda") an intimate biopic examining the life and career of professional basketball player Mirza Delibašić;
- Igor Drljača's **"Krivina,"** a feature film about a Bosnian immigrant who returns home from Canada to find his friend, who has been implicated in war crimes;
- Miroslav Momčilović's **"Death of a Man in the Balkans"** ("Smrt čoveka na Balkanu"), a feature film about an artist's suicide, surreptitiously recorded by a webcam along with the reactions of his



neighbors;

- Danis Tanović's short fiction "**Baggage**" (Prtljag), about an expat who returns to his hometown in Bosnia-Herzegovina to bury his parents' remains;
- Ante Novaković's "**The Fix**," about two friends who must find redemption after failing a task given to them by a philosophically-minded crime lord;
- Aida Begić's "**Children of Sarajevo**" ("Djeca") , a gritty feature film about two siblings orphaned in the Bosnian war;
- Pjer Žalica's "**The Orchestra**" ("Orkestar") about a fascinating 25-year career of a Sarajevo band;
- Nedžad Begović's "**Zizi**," about an ordinary Sarajevo man who proves to be an extraordinary storyteller.

Films selected to screen at the annual BHFF are eligible to win a number of honors including the "Golden Apple" audience and jury awards.

In 2013, the BHFF Jury consists of acclaimed Croatian director and screenwriter, Goran Rušinović; award-winning filmmaker and humanitarian, Bill Carter; and acclaimed photojournalist and documentary filmmaker, Sara Terry. They will award following honors to the most outstanding films: BHFF™ 2013 Jury Award for Best Documentary Film; BHFF™ 2013 Jury Award for Best Short or Animated Film and BHFF™ 2013 Jury Award for Best Feature Film. Films eligible for the Jury Award are all those screened at the BHFF 2013 that were produced in 2011, 2012 and 2013. Jury awards will be announced later in 2013.

For more information and complete program, please visit <http://www.bhffnyc.org/>. Tickets for each film block are \$14. They can be purchased at the box office immediately before each screening on a first-come, first-served basis or on the BHFF website until May 9, 2013 at 3 p.m. All films have English subtitles.

The Audience Award for Best Picture will be presented at the awards ceremony in The Varick Room at Tribeca Cinemas after the final film screening on Saturday, May 11th. This will be followed by a closing party.

**The Bosnian-Herzegovinian Film Festival** is an annual event featuring contemporary Bosnian-Herzegovinian cinematography, and films with Bosnia and Herzegovina as their theme. This unique cultural event provides a platform for the exposure of up-and-coming and internationally renowned filmmakers, and contributes to a greater understanding of the Balkan region, its diverse culture, and complex history. To date, the BHFF has screened close to 100 feature length, short, documentary, and animated films viewed by several thousand people. It is organized by two not-for-profit organizations, the Voice of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Inc., and the Academy of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

**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/>.

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