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2013 FORT LAUDERDALE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL AWARDS

**Lifetime Achievement Awards were presented to
ANN-MARGRET, ED ASNER, TAB HUNTER, PAULY COHEN**

**Career Achievement Award was presented to
LEA THOMPSON**

***AUGUST: OSAGE COUNTY*
Best Indie and Best Actress**

***WALKING WITH THE ENEMY*
Best Film and Best Supporting Actress**

Fort Lauderdale, FL – (November 11, 2013) – The 28th annual Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival (FLiFF) celebrated the careers of iconic talents, **Ann-Margret**, **Ed Asner** and **Tab Hunter**, up and coming actors, independent and foreign films and community leaders. Achievement Awards were presented to honorees and to films in competition categories. The festival presented over 175 American Independent and World Cinema features, documentaries and short films during the 25-day event from October 18 - November 11, 2013.

“We feel incredibly fortunate to have been able to share such a diverse range of extraordinarily wonderful films with our audiences at FLiFF this year. We’re also grateful to the talented filmmakers and performers who shared their work with us,” said Gregory von Hausch, President and CEO of Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival.

Early on during the festival, the careers of film and TV actors **Ed Asner** and **Tab Hunter** were honored with Lifetime Achievement Awards. Ninety-one year-old big band trumpeter, **Pauly Cohen**, whose story was told in the documentary ***Taking Charge: The Pauly Cohen Story*** also received a Lifetime Achievement Award. Actress **Lea Thompson**, star of ***The Trouble With The Truth***, received the festival’s Career Achievement Award and was joined by co-star **John Shea** and director **Jim Hemphill**. Actress **Joelle Carter**, who starred in fest film ***A Perfect Man***, received a Star on

the Horizon Award. Joelle's award was presented during FLiFF on Location: Grand Bahama Island, a five day satellite festival that takes place simultaneously with the festival in Fort Lauderdale.

Saturday, November 9, during FLiFF's Inaugural Chairman's Awards Gala at the Westin Diplomat Hotel in Hollywood, FL., multi-award winning actress **Ann-Margret** was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award. "To receive an award for doing what I love doing, performing, is amazing. I've had the good fortune to have worked with people that I respect, worked on projects that I enjoyed, and performed for audiences who have given me so much love. I am so blessed," commented Ann-Margret.

Additionally that evening, FLiFF recognized stars of the film ***Walking With the Enemy***, **Jonas Armstrong** and **Hannah Tointon**, with the Star on the Horizon Award.

Director of ***African Safari 3-D***, **Ben Stassen**, was awarded the Vision Award for forward thinking in the advancement of the motion picture industry.

Prominent community leaders were honored for their outstanding commitment to film and cultural advancement in South Florida. **Miles Forman** and **Austin Forman** of the Forman Family Foundation received the Community Partnership Award and **Linda Carter** of the Community Foundation of Broward and The Mary N. Porter Legacy Fund received the Cultural Fabric Award.

The Gala, conceived by FLiFF Chair Alan Koslow, to honor celebrated actors and prominent cultural supporters in the community, was the largest event in the festival's history and concluded with a live performance by multiple Grammy Award winning artist, **Michael Bolton**.

Sunday, November 10, FLiFF presented awards for films in competition categories at their year-round art-house theater, Cinema Paradiso-Fort Lauderdale.

The prestigious Seashell Award for Best Film, created by Uruguayan artist Jesus Sosa, went to the romantic suspense-thriller ***Walking With The Enemy***, directed by **Mark Schmidt** who accepted the award. Inspired by a true story, the film follows the heroic effort of a young man swept up in the horrors of WWII. Aided by the woman he loves, he defies the enemy by becoming one of them. **Flora Spencer-Longhurst**, received the award for Best Supporting Actress for her heart-wrenching performance in *Walking With the Enemy*.

The award for Best Foreign Language Film went to ***Love Is In The Air***, a rollicking, sexy, hilarious affair of the heart directed by Alexandre Castagnetti.

August: Osage County received awards for Best Indie Film and Best Actress Meryl Streep., and though audience ballots were not finalized in time for this release, the film appears to be a clear favorite for Peoples' Choice Award.

Bruce Dern was honored with the award for Best Actor for the film **Nebraska**. Mr. Dern was introduced by fest prez, Gregory von Hausch prior to a special screening of the film, during ShowEast which coincides annually with FLIFF.

Audience Awards:

English Language: AUGUST: OSAGE COUNTY (USA)

Foreign Language: JOSEPHINE (France)

Other awards presented were:

Best Supporting Actor: Ralph Finnes for his role in *Great Expectations* (UK)

Best Documentary: *Walking The Camino* (USA/Spain), directed by Lydia B. Smith

Best Short: *88 Miles to Moscow* (USA), directed by Karen Glienke

Best Florida Feature: *The Last Hit* (USA), directed by Mike Glier

Special Jury Prizes went to:

CinemAbility (USA), directed by Jenni Gold

Girl on a Bicycle (USA/France), directed by

Josephine (France), directed by Agnes Obadia

Love Tomorrow (UK), directed by Christopher Payne

The Rocket (Laos), star Siththiphon Disamo, directed by Kim Mordaunt

Ian Harvie: Superhero (USA), comedian Ian Harvie, directed by Liam K. Smith

The Making of Great Voices Sing John Denver (USA), directed by Kenneth Shapiro

extraordinary: the stan romanek story (USA), directed by Jon Suple

In a related story, prior to a special screening of AMOUR ET TURBULENCES (LOVE IS IN THE AIR) **Gregory von Hausch** was presented a medal for CHEVALIER DE L'ORDRE DES ARTS ET DES LETTRES by the French Consul General for Mr. von Hausch's active support of French Cinema over the past twenty-five years. The honor was decreed this past May in Paris by Aurelie Filippetti, Ministre de la Culture et de la Communication.

Notable guests who attended their films during the 28th annual film festival included: actor **Stephen Moyer** who produced the opening night film, **Free Ride**, attended along with director **Shana Betz**. Director **David Frankel** attended the screening of his latest film **One Chance**.

The 28th Annual Fort Lauderdale international Film Festival is dedicated in loving memory to staff member of seven years, Jane Moguillansky, who passed away the week prior to Opening Night.