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OJAI FILM FESTIVAL NEWS

HOSTING SPONSOR ANNOUNCED FOR OJAI FILM FESTIVAL 2008 EDITION

Oscar Party at Auberge a Resounding Success

(Ojai, CA) There's BIG news from the Ojai Film Festival announced at its Oscar Party, on Sunday (2.24.08) at Auberge restaurant. David Shor, Chairman of the Board, revealed the exciting new partnership struck with the world-renowned Ojai Valley Inn and Spa (OVIS) to be the nine-year-old Festival's new headquarters and hosting sponsor. Rated in the top 25 of all U.S. resorts by Conde Nast Traveler's magazine, Shor stated, "This five-diamond, internationally recognized resort is of great significance to the Ojai Film Festival, putting us in a unique position as a premiere destination festival." Also new are the Festival dates - "moving from October to the first weekend in November from this point forward," he said. So, save the dates November 5 through 9 and prepare to be dazzled. 'We'll continue to use the Playhouse, Matilija School and the Libbey Bowl (weather permitting). Check the website for announcements and pre-Festival fundraising events. www.ojaifilmfestival.com

"Newly added to the Ojai Film Festival line up is a Celebrity Golf Tournament. A round of golf, to go with the round of films," said Treasurer, Bill Monot. OVIS's golf course was ranked #40 in the 2006 Conde Nast Traveler Top 100 Golf Resorts Reader's Poll. [See website (www.ojairesort.com)]. First sculpted from the

natural terrain in 1923 by renowned architect George C. Thomas Jr. -- The legends of golf have all played here - Arnold Palmer, Gary Player and Chi Chi Rodriguez... the championship golf course has been the host site of seven Senior PGA Tour events. "The added benefit of having the first-rate golf course for a day will create an exceptional destination package for lovers of golf and film. All monies raised in the tournament will go to the organization's coffers.

Entries for this year's festival will be able to submit as of March 1 on the www.withoutabox.com website.

The Oscar party, held at *Auberge at Ojai* for the second year, as owner John Langley (Advisory Board member) donated his cozy venue on El Paseo Avenue. It was a race to the finish to get the Oscar Party, which had been cancelled previously due to the Writers Strike, up and going. President Vicki Baldwin managed, along with Lori Wyatt to rustle up invitations, decorations, auction items, a red carpet and the ballot betting in 12 days. Not an easy feat, but because it's the Festival's first fundraiser of the year, the Board did not want to miss the opportunity.

Board members (in bold) & families in attendance at the party included: **David** & his wife Judy **Shor**, **Bill Monot** and wife, Lori Wyatt, **Vicki Baldwin**, **Steve Grumette** (festival founder) with wife, Liz, **Sheila Cluff**, with her daughter Cathy Cluff and partner Anita Thompson, **Dr. David Garber** and Cindy, **Jim Holland**, **Rinaldo Brutoco** and spouse, Lalla, along with Advisory Board members **John Bennett Perry**, who served as emcee for the evening, **Joan Kemper**, and **Herman Rush** with his wife Joan.

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