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**TWO TIME ACADEMY AWARD® NOMINATED PRODUCER
MICHAEL DE LUCA TO BE HONORED WITH
HOLLYWOOD PRODUCER AWARD**

HOLLYWOOD, CA (Sept 03, 2013) – Carlos de Abreu, founder and executive producer of the 17th Annual Hollywood Film Awards, announced today that two-time Academy Award®-nominated producer Michael De Luca (who co-produced David Fincher's *The Social Network* with Scott Rudin, Cean Chaffin and Dana Brunetti; and co-produced Bennett Miller's *Moneyball* with Brad Pitt and Rachael Horovitz) will be honored with this year's Hollywood Producer Award. Scott Rudin, Dana Brunetti, and De Luca also produced Paul Greengrass' upcoming film *Captain Phillips*, starring Tom Hanks, which Sony Pictures will release on October 11, 2013, following its world premiere as the Opening Night film at the 2013 New York Film Festival. The award will be bestowed at the Hollywood Film Awards Gala Ceremony on Monday evening, October 21, 2013 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills.

"Every year, we are very proud to honor excellence in the art of filmmaking in all its disciplines. Academy Award® nominated producer Michael De Luca is an exemplary representative of that excellence," said de Abreu.

Captain Phillips is director Paul Greengrass's multi-layered examination of the 2009 hijacking of the U.S. container ship Maersk Alabama by a crew of Somali pirates. It is – through Greengrass' distinctive lens – simultaneously a pulse-pounding thriller and a complex portrait of the myriad effects of globalization. The film focuses on the relationship between the Alabama's commanding officer, Captain Richard Phillips (two time Academy Award® winner Tom Hanks), and his Somali counterpart, Muse (Barkhad Abdi). Set on an incontrovertible collision course off the coast of Somalia, both men will find themselves paying the human toll for economic forces outside of their control. The film is directed by Academy Award® nominee Paul Greengrass, from a screenplay by Billy Ray based upon the book, *A Captain's Duty: Somali Pirates, Navy SEALs, and Dangerous Days at Sea*, by Richard Phillips with Stephan Talty.

De Luca served as the Head of Production at DreamWorks and spent seven years as the President and COO at New Line Productions. As a studio chief, De Luca helped to launch the highly successful *Friday*, *Blade*, *Austin Powers* and *Rush Hour* franchises, and championed such groundbreaking sleeper hits as *Seven*, *American History X*, *Magnolia*, *Wag the Dog*, *Old School*, *Pleasantville*, *Anchorman*, and *Boogie Nights*. In 2004, De Luca launched his own development and production company, the LA-based Michael De Luca Productions, and signed a long-term development and production deal at Columbia Pictures. Through this deal, De Luca has produced several high profile films, including *The Social Network* and *Moneyball*—two major Academy Award® contenders – as well as the soon-to-be-released *Captain Phillips*. De Luca currently has a myriad of major

projects in the works that he will produce across all platforms – including the film adaptation of the best-selling novel *Fifty Shades of Grey* at Universal/Focus Features.

The Hollywood Film Awards honors cherished stars, filmmakers and up-and-coming talent, and traditionally kicks off the film awards season with the biggest stars and top industry executives in attendance.

"We are very proud to be the first stop of the awards season. In the last ten years, a total of 96 Oscar® nominations and 34 Oscars® were given to the honorees of the Hollywood Film Awards," said de Abreu.

Last year's awards show received more than 41 million media impressions, in addition to more than 300 million online and print readers' impressions.

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ABOUT THE HOLLYWOOD FILM AWARDS®

The Hollywood Film Awards® founded in 1997 were created to celebrate Hollywood and launch the awards season. The recipients of the awards are selected by an Advisory team for their body of work and/or a film(s) that is to be released during the calendar year. In the last ten years, a total of 96 Oscar® nominations and 34 Oscars® were given to the honorees of the Hollywood Film Awards. For additional information, visit: www.hollywoodawards.com.

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