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The Montclair Film Festival To Honor Richard Curtis

Mr. Curtis will present a live Director's Commentary screening of LOVE ACTUALLY and participate in a Conversation hosted by Stephen Colbert on April 30, 2016

Daylong celebration, co-presented by BAFTA New York, Universal Pictures, and Working Title Films will offer support for Red Nose Day

March 10, 2016, Montclair, NJ— The Montclair Film Festival (MFF) today announced that writer, director, and producer Richard Curtis will receive the festival's inaugural filmmaker Tribute on Saturday, April 30, 2016 during the MFF's 5th annual event. The daylong celebration will feature a screening of Mr. Curtis' ***Love Actually*** with Mr. Curtis providing a live director's commentary with stories, secrets, and surprises about the making of this beloved film, and a wide-ranging conversation moderated by Stephen Colbert, host of ***The Late Show with Stephen Colbert***. The MFF will also screen a selection of Mr. Curtis' works throughout the festival.

BAFTA New York, Universal Pictures and Working Title Films will be co-presenting the day's festivities, with a portion of the proceeds from each event benefitting Red Nose Day, which seeks to use the power of entertainment to create lasting change by tackling the root causes of poverty and social injustice.

"I'm so delighted to be part of the Festival," said Mr. Curtis, "and excited to have a chance to be on stage with Stephen Colbert - and looking forward to undermining ***Love Actually*** with my scurrilous memories and revelations about the low quality of the film-making, and quite how many members of my own family are in it, including my mother-in-law."

"The Montclair Film Festival is thrilled to honor Richard Curtis at this year's festival," said MFF Executive Director Tom Hall. "Mr. Curtis' wonderfully romantic, comic films showcase a deep empathy that is only exceeded by his personal warmth and generosity. We look forward to a fantastic tribute on April 30."

BAFTA New York chairman and MFF Board Member Luke Parker Bowles, who will produce the event, noted, "The infamous 'special relationship' between the United States and the United Kingdom has borne fruit in many diverse and exciting forms, not least in the shared love of each other's comedy styles in film

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and television. In Richard Curtis, we have the opportunity to celebrate and discuss this mutual respect with a man who has created some of the seminal works of comedy over the past forty years and continues to do so. We are thrilled to celebrate him, his life, his work and his philanthropy at this year's festival."

"While Richard is undoubtedly one of the finest filmmakers of this generation, more importantly, he is a lifelong humanitarian," said Donna Langley, Chairman, Universal Pictures. "**Love Actually** is one of the most beloved movies in the studio's canon, and we are so honored to be a part of this celebration of his work. We thank him for both what he has done behind the camera and for his tireless championing of global social justice."

Tickets for MFF members go on sale Tuesday, April 5, with public tickets on sale Friday, April 8, at 11:00 AM. Visit www.montclairfilmfest.org for details.

ABOUT RICHARD CURTIS

Richard Curtis is a screenwriter and director, responsible for films such as **Four Weddings and a Funeral**, **Notting Hill**, **Bridget Jones' Diary**, **Mr. Bean**, **Love Actually**, **The Boat That Rocked**, **About Time** and most recently **Trash** and **Esio Trot**. In the other half of Richard's life he is the Co-Founder and Vice-Chair of Comic Relief, which he started after visiting Ethiopia during the 1985 famine. He has co-produced the 15 live nights for the BBC since 1988 and the charity has now made over £1 Billion for projects in Africa and the UK during that time. Last year, Richard took Red Nose Day to the United States with NBC and raised \$22 million.

ABOUT STEPHEN COLBERT

Stephen Colbert is the host, writer and executive producer of *The Late Show With Stephen Colbert* on CBS. Previously, he was host, writer and executive producer of the long-running Emmy® and Peabody® Award-winning series *The Colbert Report* on Comedy Central. The series ran for 9 years and was nominated for 40 Emmys, winning a total of 6. The show was also twice honored with the prestigious Peabody® Award for Excellence in Broadcasting. Colbert is also a best-selling author and accomplished actor.

ABOUT THE MONTCLAIR FILM FESTIVAL

The Montclair Film Festival, Inc. (MFF), a non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization, nurtures and showcases the talents of filmmakers from around the region and world. MFF unites, empowers, educates and celebrates our region's diverse cultural heritage and robust artistic community by presenting an annual spring festival and a growing assortment of engaging programs and events all year long. The fifth annual spring festival will take place from April 29 through May 8, 2016. MFF 2016 is presented by Investors Bank and made possible with support from Audible, Inc., Horizon Foundation for NJ, HackensackUMC Mountainside, Ashenfelter, Slous, McDonough & Trevenan, LLP, Chubb, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, Kensington Senior Living, Applause Theatre & Cinema Books, The Healthcare Foundation of NJ, Partners for

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ABOUT BAFTA NEW YORK

BAFTA New York, founded in 1996, recognizes and promotes the achievements of British film and television in New York and all along the East Coast. It hosts an extensive roster of feature film, television and documentary screenings, panel discussions, premieres and co-produced events with other established organizations in the film and television industry, and runs an educational outreach program aimed at underserved youth in New York City that includes the BAFTA New York Media Studies Scholarship Program. It is also committed to looking ahead, exploring the intersection of entertainment and technology while ensuring its programming and partnerships serve its audiences, its members and the public. www.bafta.org/new-york

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