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NINTH ANNUAL AMERICAN FILM INSTITUTE (AFI) GOLF CLASSIC PRESENTED BY GENERAL MOTORS HELD AT TRUMP NATIONAL GOLF CLUB

CELEBRITY GOLFERS INCLUDING DENNIS HOPPER, ANDY GARCIA AND KEVIN NEALON HIT THE LINKS IN SUPPORT OF AFI

LOS ANGELES, CA, September 26, 2006—AFI's Golf Classic celebrated its ninth year with a full field of players at Trump National Golf Club, rallying a host of film and television golfers to support AFI. All funds raised are in support of AFI's educational and cultural programs. The Tournament Presenting Sponsor is General Motors. Additional tournament sponsors include Anheuser-Busch, Calvin Klein, Izod and American Airlines, the Official Airline of AFI.

AFI trustees and tournament committee co-chairs Mark Canton, Richard Frank and Robert Rehme, along with Rudy Durand, led the event, which included (in alphabetical order) celebrity golfers Anthony Anderson, Carlos Bernard, Matt Craven, Tom Dreesen, Jackie Flynn, Andy Garcia, Joel Gretsch, Dennis Hopper, Greg Itzin, Brian Krause, Joe Mantegna, Ed Marinaro, Kevin Nealon, Jerry O'Connell, Michael O'Neal, 'Super' Dave Osborne, Tom Papa, Ron Perlman, Anna Rawson, Jack Scalia and Kevin Sorbo. Samuel Jackson served as the Honorary Event Chair.

Other participants included: Jean Picker Firstenberg, AFI's President and CEO; Bill Beasley and Kate Hardy, General Motors; Tony Ponturo, Anheuser-Busch; Tom Murry, President, Calvin Klein; Jay Pearson, American Airlines; and Amanda Ingram, Maker's Mark.

The Maker's Mark team—which included actor Joel Gretsch of USA's THE 4400 and David Pickerell, Master Distiller of Maker's Mark Bourbon—was the Grand Prize winner of the tournament. Each team member received two tickets to the Fiesta Bowl courtesy of General Motors. The warm and jovial awards ceremony was hosted by comedian Jackie Flynn.

About the American Film Institute

AFI is a national institute providing leadership in screen education and the recognition and celebration of excellence in the art of film, television and digital media. AFI trains the next generation of filmmakers at its world-renowned Conservatory, maintains America's film heritage through the *AFI Catalog of Feature Films* and explores new digital technologies in entertainment and education through the AFI Digital Content Lab and K-12 Screen Education Center. As the largest nonprofit exhibitor in the US, AFI ON SCREEN encompasses the annual AFI FEST presented by Audi: AFI Los Angeles International Film Festival—as well as year-round programming at ArcLight Hollywood and the AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center in Silver Spring, Maryland, including SILVERDOCS: AFI/Discovery Channel Documentary Festival. AFI AWARDS, the annual almanac for the 21st century, honors the most outstanding motion pictures and television programs of the year, while **AFI's 100 Years . . .** series has ignited extraordinary public interest in classic American movies. And, during the past 34 years, AFI's Life Achievement Award has become the highest honor for a career in film. Additional information about AFI is available at AFI.com.

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