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**ON THE RED CARPET AT FLIFF!
A Star-Studded Opening Night of the
38th Annual Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival**

**Hard Rock Live at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood
November 3, 2023**

WHAT: The 38th Annual Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival (FLIFF) Opening Night at Hard Rock Live at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood kicks off with a glamorous star-studded red carpet, followed by an **award ceremony** and screening of **THE GOOD HALF**. Featuring an all-star ensemble cast, the dramedy follows Renn (Nick Jonas), an emotionally distant writer who returns home for his mother's funeral (Elizabeth Shue) and forges new relationships while healing old ones. Following the film, trip the light fantastic at the Opening Night party featuring live music by The Wolfepak Band, open bar and great food.

WHEN: Friday, November 3, 2023

5:00 - 5:20 pm	Press Check-In (Press Credentials: www.fliff.com/press)
5:30 pm	South Florida Talent & Student Filmmakers
6:00 - 6:45 pm	Celebrity Talent
6:50 pm	Press will be escorted to the auditorium to cover award presentations and film

WHERE: Hard Rock Live at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood, 1 Seminole Way, Hollywood 33314

WHO:

Filmmakers and Stars of Opening Night Film, THE GOOD HALF

- **Robert Schwartzman**, director, member of the famed Coppola film industry family. Robert has 3 additional films screening at FLIFF: HUNG-UP ON A DREAM (director), DRUGSTORE JUNE (producer) and PRINCESS DIARIES (actor).
- **Brett Ryland**, writer/producer
- **Brittany Snow** (Hairspray, Pitch Perfect) Brittany also directed PARACHUTE which is screening at FLIFF. She will receive a FLIFF Career Achievement Award.
- **David Arquette** (Scream, Never Been Kissed) will receive FLIFF's Career Achievement Award
- **Matt Walsh** (VEEP, The Hangover) will receive FLIFF's Career Achievement Award

Filmmaker and star / THIS TIME

- **Charles Martin Smith** - known for American Graffiti, The Buddy Holly Story, Starman will receive FLIFF's Lifetime Achievement Award
- **Robert George Vaughn**, director - shepherded more than 30 television and feature films including "Wild Horses" for HBO Pictures, "Twins" for Showtime, among others.

Filmmakers and Star / 7000 Miles

- **Amy Glazer**, Director - An award-winning filmmaker and member of Miami's renowned Glazer family
- **Alixandra Dove**, actress known for *Aquarius*, *Lights Out*, and *2 Broke Girls*
- **Debra Glazier** – producer of *7000 Miles* and actress known for *Hawaii Five-0*, *The Way I See It*

Filmmaker and star / HELLO IN HERE

- **Casey McAdams**, director – known for *Law Abiding Citizen* and *A Little Bit of Heaven*
- **Chynna Walker**, Actress - known for *My Dinner with Werner*, *Sam*, and *Shotgun*.

Filmmaker / WINEVILLE

- **Brande Roderick** - directorial debut of Horror film, *WINEVILLE*. Actress/model known for TV series *Baywatch*, *The Nanny Diaries*, *Starsky & Hutch* (2004 movie), Dimension Film's "Dracula II: Ascension" and Snoop Dog's *Hood of Horror*

Filmmaker / HOW I SURVIVED THE PYONGYANG 3D

- **Martin Hans Schmitt**, director - a stereoscopic animated documentary describes the impressions he gathered as a guest of the North Korean government to the Pyongyang Film Festival.

Filmmaker / FLUORESCENT BEAST

- **Paul Osborne** - writer/director attended University of Miami majoring in both screenwriting and English. Wrote and directed the award-winning features *FAVOR* and *CRUEL HEARTS*, acclaimed documentary about film festivals, *OFFICIAL REJECTION*.

Filmmaker and subject / SHADOW OF WHEEL

- **Paul Bonesteel**, director/writer – known for *The Day Carl Sandburg Died* which aired on PBS' *American Masters*. *Shadow of the Wheel* follows 31 inexperienced teenagers biking a daunting coast-to-coast 3,600 miles in the summer of 1982 to raise money for Multiple Sclerosis. Proceeds from this screening benefit The MS Society.
- **Bobby Wells**, one of the riders.

AWARD PRESENTATIONS

FLIFF continues the 38-year tradition of honoring noteworthy filmmakers and actors during the festival. A video montage of each honoree's career will be shown prior to the award presentations. The honorees are:

Robert Schwartzman, director of *The Good Half*, will receive the Renaissance Award on Opening Night, Friday, November 3 at 7pm at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood. Robert also wrote much of the score for the film and performed it with his band Rooney. He co-stars opposite Anne Hathaway in *The Princess Diaries*, which will be screened free for all children on Saturday November 4 at Savor Cinema. Later that evening at 7pm, FLIFF presents *Hung Up On a Dream*, the documentary he directed about the '60s musical group The Zombies. And on Friday, November 10 at 8pm the comedy *Drugstore June*, produced by Robert, will be shown at Savor Cinema.

David Arquette (*Scream*), **Matt Walsh** (*The Hangover*, *VEEP*), and **Brittany Snow** (*Hairspray*, *Pitch Perfect*) will each receive the **Career Achievement Award** on Opening Night on November 3. *Parachute*, Brittany's directorial debut, screens November 4 at 7pm at Savor Cinema. All three have major roles in *The Good Half*, the Opening Night film.

About FLIFF

Now in its 38th year, the [Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival](http://www.fliff.com) (FLIFF), November 3 through November 16, will showcase nearly 200 films from 40 countries, featuring **eight world premieres and six U.S. premieres**. The festival includes features, documentaries and short film programs, along with **Filmed in Broward**, a showcase of 21 films by South Florida filmmakers, all filmed in Broward County. www.fliff.com