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## CINEMATIQUE'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY ACADEMY AWARDS NIGHT - Award Recipients Announced

Cinematique is proud to announce special guest award recipients to be honored at the 25th Anniversary Academy Awards Night fundraiser on February 28, 2016. The celebration will honor local professionals, the accomplishments of Cinematique and the biggest night in Hollywood for movies - the Oscars<sup>®</sup>.

Beginning at 6pm, attendees will be greeted with a walk down the red carpet, Live music during the wine and cheese cocktail hour, a silent auction featuring original art done on site by plein air artist Eric Bass, hand rolled cigars in the "Wise Guy Lounge" and a gourmet dinner with dessert all followed by the live telecast of the Academy Awards show on several big screens.

Prior to the live telecast, Cinematique will present an Achievement in Film Award to Actor Johnny Martino (Paulie, The Godfather), a Humanitarian Filmmaker Award to international, award winning Director, Gary Lester (Safe Haven: The Warsaw Zoo) and a Rising Star Award to Actor Andrew Ramos (Flashback, Random Acts of Insanity Live Improv Troupe). Original founding members of Cinematique will also be honored.

One theme of this inaugural event is Humanitarian Films. "Films have a unique opportunity to shed light on issues facing our world that cannot be accomplished through the spoken or written word alone" said theater

Executive Director Stephanie Mason-Teague. One great example of the power of film is the recent screening of "A Path Appears" that examined the plight of women and girls forced into human trafficking. Cinematique presented this film with the Ormond Beach Chapter of Dining for Women, a global giving circle made up of chapters around the US that funds grassroots programs working in developing countries to fight gender inequality, and has continued to partner with this organization to raise awareness about this tragic national and local issue. A donation will be made to Dining For Woman from the proceeds of this event to help to continue to fight this important issue.

The 25th Anniversary Academy Awards Night event marks the first major fundraiser for Cinematique that is not intended for capital improvements or equipment. After 5 years in the downtown Daytona Beach location, funds are needed to continue to grow, and support the daily theater operations. Tickets are \$75 each and on sale now on the theater web site:

[www.cinematique.org/25-anniversary/](http://www.cinematique.org/25-anniversary/) Cinematique is also seeking community sponsors. Please call Stephanie Mason-Teague at the theater box office for more information (386) 252-3118.