



STUART CORNFELD TO RECEIVE 23RD ANNUAL FRANKLIN J. SCHAFFNER ALUMNI MEDAL

**Joins Previous AFI Conservatory Alumni Including
Darren Aronofsky, David Lynch and Wally Pfister**

EMBARGOED UNTIL 10am PT, May 30, 2013, LOS ANGELES, CA– The American Film Institute (AFI) announced that producer Stuart Cornfeld will receive the 2013 Franklin J. Schaffner Alumni Medal. Cornfeld will be presented with the medal as part of the AFI Life Achievement Award honoring Mel Brooks, to be held at the Dolby Theater in Hollywood on June 6, 2013. The AFI Life Achievement Award ceremony will be broadcast on TNT Saturday, June 15, at 9 p.m. ET/PT and as part of an all-night tribute to Brooks on Turner Classic Movies (TCM) Wednesday, July 24 at 8 p.m. ET.

The Franklin J. Schaffner Alumni Medal recognizes the extraordinary creative talents of a graduate of the AFI Conservatory or AFI Directing Workshop for Women who symbolizes the legacy of Franklin Schaffner. The AFI Conservatory, named one of the top film schools in the world, is renowned for its collaborative approach to hands-on filmmaking and its advanced training of the next generation of storytellers in six filmmaking disciplines: Cinematography, Directing, Editing, Producing, Production Design and Screenwriting.

Stuart Cornfeld was part of the AFI class of 1975. After completing his studies, he collaborated with Anne Bancroft with whom he had worked on two Directing Workshop for Women projects at AFI. Bancroft introduced him to her husband Mel Brooks who hired Cornfeld as his assistant on *HIGH ANXIETY*. Cornfeld went on to associate produce *HISTORY OF THE WORLD PART 1*, produce Bancroft's *FATSO* and executive produce *THE ELEPHANT MAN*.

After leaving Brooksfilms, Cornfeld produced seventeen films including *THE FLY* (with Brooksfilms), *KAFKA*, *TROPIC THUNDER*, *ZOOLANDER* and executive produced a number of others, among them *EUROPEAN VACATION*, *MEGAMIND* and *MIMIC*. He has had the good fortune to work with directors Peter Bogdanovich, David Cronenberg, Guillermo Del Toro, Amy Heckerling, David Lynch and Steven Soderbergh. For the last fifteen years Cornfeld has been Ben Stiller's partner in Red Hour Films. Their company has made a priority of working with first time directors, producing Josh Gordon and Will Speck's *BLADES OF GLORY* and Marshal Thurber's *DODGEBALL*. They are currently in post-production on *THE SECRET LIFE OF WALTER MITTY* directed by and starring Ben Stiller along with Shirley MaLaine, Sean Penn and Kristen Wiig.

Sponsors of the 2013 AFI Life Achievement Award tribute to Mel Brooks include Audi of America, Deloitte, HP and American Airlines, the official airline of the American Film Institute.

About Franklin J. Schaffner and the Schaffner Alumni Medal

Over the course of a remarkable 40-year career, Franklin J. Schaffner earned a total of 28 Academy® Award nominations and the directing Oscar® for *PATTON* in 1970. Schaffner's association with AFI began in 1975, with his election to the AFI Board of Trustees, and lasted until his death in 1989.

The distinguished recipients of the Schaffner Alumni Medal are: Wally Pfister (2012), Steven Rosenblum (2011), Janusz Kamiński (2010), Steve Golin (2009), Mark Waters (2008), Gary Winick (2007), Marshall Herskovitz (2006), Paul Schrader (2005), Patty Jenkins (2004), John Dahl (2003), Todd Field (2002), Darren Aronofsky (2001), Terrence Malick (2000), Mimi Leder (1999), Amy Heckerling (1998), John McTiernan (1997), Carl Franklin (1996), Jon Avnet (1995), Martin Brest (1994), Randa Haines (1993), Edward Zwick (1992) and David Lynch (1991).

About the American Film Institute

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AFI programs include the **AFI Catalog of Feature Films** and **AFI Archive**, which preserve film heritage for future generations; the **AFI Life Achievement Award** – the highest honor for a career in film – now in its 41st year; **AFI Awards**, honoring the most outstanding motion pictures and television programs of the year; **AFI's 100 Years... 100 Movies** television events and movie reference lists, which have introduced and reintroduced classic American movies to millions of film lovers; year-round and special event exhibition through **AFI Fest presented by Audi**, **AFI Docs presented by Audi** and the **AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center**; and educating the next generation of storytellers at the world renowned **AFI Conservatory**, recognized for the quality of its instructors and speakers and its notable alumni.

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TNT's website is located at tntdrama.com.

Turner Classic Movies (TCM) is a Peabody Award-winning network that presents great films, uncut and commercial-free, from the largest film libraries in the world. Currently seen in more than 85 million homes, TCM features the insights of hosts Robert Osborne and Ben Mankiewicz, plus interviews with a wide range of special guests. As the foremost authority in classic films, TCM offers critically acclaimed original documentaries and specials, along with regular programming events that include THE ESSENTIALS, hosted by Robert Osborne and Drew Barrymore, and the month-long 31 DAYS OF OSCAR® in February and Summer Under the Stars in August. TCM also stages special events and screenings, such as the TCM Classic Film Festival in Hollywood and the TCM Classic Cruise; produces a wide range of media about classic film, including books and DVDs; and hosts a wealth of materials at its website, tcm.com.

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