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## ANDREW WARNE JOINS AUSTRALIANS IN FILM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*Los Angeles, CA- (September 26, 2005)*-Los Angeles based, Australian entertainment reporter Andrew Warne joins the board of directors of Australians in Film, the preeminent entertainment industry organization for expatriate Australians.

" I am delighted to have Andrew join the board," said Rob Marsala, President of *Australians in Film*. " As Australians in Film continues to grow in stature and membership, Andrew's extensive connections, coupled with a very pertinent industry background are tremendous assets to our organization."

Warne has worked exclusively for Showtime Australia since 1995 producing and presenting SHOWTIME MOVIE NEWS, a weekly half hour show that features interviews with the stars, red carpet coverage of movie premieres and location reports from movie sets.

Warne also covers the major international film festivals for Showtime including Cannes, Venice and Sundance. In 2002, the Publicists Guild of America honored Andrew with the International Media Award. Prior to joining Showtime, Andrew worked as a news correspondent for Network Ten Australia and FOX 11 LA.

Australians in Film Ambassadors include Australian Oscar-winning actors Cate Blanchett (*The Aviator* 2005), Nicole Kidman (*The Hours*, 2002), Russell Crowe (*Gladiator*, 2000) and Geoffrey Rush (*Shine*, 1996), Oscar-winning director Mel Gibson (*Braveheart* 1995, *The Passion of the Christ*, 2004) and 30 other internationally known stars and film-makers including Hugh Jackman, Fred Schepisi, Heath Ledger and Naomi Watts.

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The Board of Directors of *Australians In Film* is comprised of Ms Jenny Cooney-Carrillo, member of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association; Ms. Michelle Day, photographer; Ms. Susie Dobson, President, Susie Dobson Global PR, Mr. Rob Marsala, owner/manager/producer Marsala Tappan Management., Ms. Paula Paizes, Producer/Business Affairs Consultant; Mr. Ian Sutherland, producer; Ms. Kym Wilson, actress/entrepreneur and Ms. Megan Worthy.

The Board of Advisors consists of: Ms. Kym Barrett award winning costume designer, Mr. Stephen Basil -Jones, Head of International Marketing and Distribution, DreamWorks LLC., Mr. Greg Coote, President, Coote/Hayes Productions; Mr. Bruce Davey, President, Icon Productions; Mr. Richard Francis-Bruce, multiple Academy Award nominated Editor and Mr. Dean Semler, Academy Award winning Cinematographer.

#### **About Australians in Film**

Founded in May 2001 *Australians In Film* has held over 60 screenings, premiers and special events and currently has over 500 members. AIF is comprised of members, an executive director, board of directors, board of advisors and ambassadors. *Australians In Film* celebrates the work of Australian film and television makers by creating an environment in which Australians and Americans can foster a strong and long-lasting relationship through Australian screen culture and the individuals who create it. *Australians In Film* is proud to have the support of the Australian Government, and to be sponsored by AUSFILM, Austrade, Jurlique, McWilliams Hanwood Estate Wines, Qantas, MacCorkindale Alonso and Holton, Tooheys New Beer and Tourism Australia. For further information please visit [www.australiansinfilm.org](http://www.australiansinfilm.org).

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