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Politics on Film Announces 2010 Festival Selections

Supreme Court nominees, 2008 campaign and economic policy are explored in fest's second year

WASHINGTON – *Politics on Film* today announced the 2010 festival line-up, which includes four world premieres of documentaries focused on politics and policy.

Opening the festival is the world premiere of “Advise and Dissent”, a documentary by David Van Taylor chronicling the behind-the-scenes strategy and lobbying throughout the confirmation of Supreme Court nominees John Roberts and Samuel Alito.

Also on deck is the world premiere of “Lucky Strike”, by Washington, DC, resident Lucas Baiano. “Lucky Strike” follows film student Baiano on his unlikely journey through the 2008 presidential campaigns.

Debuting in the International category is the world premiere of Sweden’s “Overdose”, a frank critique of economic policy during the last decade, and the U.S. premiere of “Vaclav Havel”, a film from the Czech Republic that looks inside the first six months of the leader’s presidency.

“Politics on Film is returning for it’s second year with another exciting line-up of timely and entertaining films,” said Gayle Osterberg, Chief Operating Officer of the festival. “From Supreme Court confirmations, to one filmmaker’s journey during the 2008 Presidential election, to a new look at race and ethnicity in our country, these films are extremely relevant to our current political conversation.”

In addition to the Official Selections, the Festival program will also include a special presentation of “All The President’s Men” and panel discussion. Festival founding sponsor, The Bipartisan Policy Center, will host a kick-off reception and screening at the Motion Picture Association of America.

The festival runs May 4-9, 2010. Films will be screened at the Landmark E Street Cinema and the Navy Memorial Auditorium. A complete screening schedule and program details will be available in the coming days on the festival web site at www.politicsonfilm.com.

2010 Official Selections:

- ***Advise & Dissent*, World Premiere -**

This documentary goes behind the lines and into the trenches of the Supreme Court confirmation wars. With unprecedented access to key players, *Advise & Dissent* tracks two lions of the Senate and two leading lobbyists through the battles over the nominations of John Roberts, Harriet Miers and Samuel Alito.

- ***Citizen Boilesen*, US Premiere -**

Brazil's political environment in the 1970s is the setting for Chaim Litewski's film from Brazil about the connections between the country's business elite and its military establishment. Litewski chronicles Brazil's descent into violence as the forces of the establishment react to the challenges from the Left. The focus is on Henning Boilesen, a native of Denmark, who emigrated to Brazil at an early age and became a powerful and influential business figure in his adopted country.

- ***Lucky Strike*, World Premiere -**

Lucky Strike is the true story of one film student's improbable adventure during the 2008 Presidential election. Follow Lucas Baiano's journey to the national political spotlight, fueled by chance encounters, twists of fate, and pure determination.

- ***Multiracial Identity*, World Premiere -**

Multiracial people are the fastest growing demographic in America, yet there is no official political recognition for mixed-race people. *Multiracial Identity* examines what it means to be multiracial in America and explores the social, political, and religious impact of the multiracial movement.

- ***Open Secret*, Washington, DC Premiere -**

Based on actual transcripts from Alabama's 1901 Constitutional Convention, *Open Secret* is a re-enactment that looks into a part of Alabama's history that is not well known and not necessarily pleasant.

- ***Overdose*, World Premiere -**

In times of crisis people seek strong leaders and simple solutions. But what happens when their solutions are identical to the mistakes that caused the very crisis? *Overdose* is a Swedish documentary that tells the story of the greatest economic crisis of our age - the one that awaits us.

- ***Vaclav Havel – Prague Castle*, U.S. Premiere -**

This documentary from the Czech Republic explores the earliest days of Vaclav Havel's presidency, including the arrival of his team to Prague Castle in the wake of the turbulent

1989 elections. Interviews with Havel, his advisors and staff as well as Madeleine Albright, President George H. B. Bush and more tell the story of a truly unique period in the history of the former Czechoslovakia and the world.

Politics on Film is the nation's first juried film festival with a mission to highlight political film broadly, providing a platform for filmmakers who focus on government, the electoral process, or pressing public policy issues, and establishing an entertaining and educational opportunity for the community. The festival will award prizes in four categories: feature film, documentary film, international film, and political advertising.

Politics on Film is a project of the Washington Political Film Foundation and is made possible by an alliance with the ***Bipartisan Policy Center*** (BPC), an organization that promotes political discourse and seeks to unite the constructive center in the pursuit of viable policy goals.

More information is available at www.politicsonfilm.com