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INTERNATIONAL STARS DESCEND ON RICHMOND HILL

Toronto, October 8, 2014 — The Toronto Reel Asian International Film Festival (Reel Asian), presented by National Bank, continues to reach audiences in their own neighbourhoods by presenting three screenings at the annual Richmond Hill weekend film festival from November 15 to 16 at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts and Silvercity Richmond Hill. Reel Asian is the first international film festival to expand to the Richmond Hill and thanks to overwhelming support from the local audiences, the festival has presented 18 dynamic films to this community over the past five years.

Reel Asian is thrilled to bring exclusive Asian-American guests to Richmond Hill, including Ryan Moore (director, *Manny*) and Sendhil Ramamurthy (actor, *Brahmin Bulls*). Reel Asian strives to connect local audiences with internationally recognized directors and talent from abroad. Guests will be in attendance to participate in Q&As with audiences after their film screenings.

RICHMOND HILL OPENING GALA: MANNY (director Ryan Moore in attendance, USA/Philippines 2014, Canadian Premiere)
Sat Nov 15, 7:00 PM, Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts

The life of internationally renowned Filipino boxer Manny Pacquiao is a fantastic rags-to-riches story. Now, almost two decades later, the country of 100 million people comes to a complete standstill to watch him fight. At the height of his career, Pacquiao is faced with maneuvering between an unscrupulous sport and political duties, while maintaining a personal life. The question now is: what bridge is too far for Manny Pacquiao to cross? Narrated by Liam Neeson and co-directed by Academy Award winner Leon Gast (*When We Were Kings*).

OVERHEARD 3 (directors Felix Chong and Alan Mak, Hong Kong 2014, Canadian Premiere)
Sun Nov 16, 4:30 PM, Silvercity Richmond Hill

Lau Ching Wan, Louis Koo, and Daniel Wu return for the third and final installment in the *Overheard* thriller series, directed by Hong Kong writers Felix Chong and Alan Mak, the same dynamic duo behind critically acclaimed trilogy, *Infernal Affairs*. Recently released from prison, Jau (Koo) leads an intricate plan to take down the Luk Brothers, a gang that rules the villages with an iron grip, and Uncle To (Kenneth Tsang), the self-proclaimed godfather of the New Territories.

RICHMOND HILL CLOSING: BRAHMIN BULLS (director Mahesh Pailoor, actor Sendhil Ramamurthy in attendance, USA 2013, Canadian Premiere)
Sun Nov 16, 7:30 PM, Silvercity Richmond Hill

Starring Sendhil Ramamurthy (*Heroes*), Roshan Seth, Academy Award winner Mary Steenburgen, Justin Bartha, and Academy Award nominated Michael Lerner, *Brahmin Bulls* is a story of a long overdue reunion between father and son, as they learn the truth about each other for the first time as adults.

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