

SAVING GOD nominated for the 2008/2009 Time for Peace Film Award and Ving Rhames for the Time for Peace Actor Award

Dear Messrs. Serafino and Lalonde

We are delighted to announce to you that our nomination committee has decided to select *SAVING GOD* directed by Duane Crichton, that is a challenging and great humanist story of redemption, to be nominated for the 2007/2008 Time for Peace European Film Award, and Ving Rhames for the 2008/2009 Time for Peace Actor Award for his exceptional performance of Reverend Armstrong.

The Time for Peace Film & Music Awards created in 1994 and as shown in the nominated films, the values will speak of the rights and dignity of men and women alike. They will further the flourishing of a culture of tolerance, respect for differences, freedom of expression, better understanding among human beings, care for and willingness to listen to one another, solidarity, and the preservation of the environment. I invite you to visit our website on www.timeforpeace.com.

Today, film is an essential medium that grants access to a better understanding of the world and the human condition. Films with a message of humanist values or ethics can inspire the audience to act upon them in their daily life and thus become models for youth in search of an ideal. Stories in which the protagonist-heroes broaden human dignity and offer constructive answers to questions that all people ask themselves, promote methods by which civilization can function more positively and learn how to transform the world. Film can serve as a therapeutic means to direct violent behavior toward a creative and constructive dynamic. Humanist values are the underpinning of the human condition and living them actively means entering into a process of preventing humanitarian conflict.

The award has previously be presented to filmmakers such as Steven Spielberg for *Schindler's List* and later *Amistad*, Michael Radford for *Il Postino*, Scott Hicks for *Shine*, Caroline Link for *Jenseits der Stille (Beyond Silence)*, Jan Sverak for *Kolya* as well as to actor such Robin Williams for his performance as Sean McGuire in *Good Will Hunting*, or actress Hilary Swank for her performance as Erin Grüwell in *Freedom Writers...* or last year to Michael Winterbottom for *A Mighty Heart*, John Carney for *Once*, Aleksandr Sokurov for *Alexandra* or Naomi Kawase for *The Mourning Forest* .

Each year, a panel of experts selects the nominees, whereupon a jury committee consisting of ambassadors to the United Nations – itself deeply concerned with the permanence of humanist values – chooses the films, directors, actors and actresses, musicians, and screenwriters to whom the honor will be granted during the year. The jury committee mark their votes on a special form on Internet after screening the DVDs.

For this year's committee jury consideration, composed today of 25 United Nations ambassadors, we will need :

– 25 DVDs subtitled in English that will be submitted to the Time for Peace Film & Music Awards members at the press conference that will take place on **December 9**, in Geneva. Since its creation, the Time for Peace Film & Music Awards have triggered great international press coverage. On your request after screening the DVDs, they will be returned to you. As it is sometimes done when it comes to security, the DVDs are burned on the name of each members of the committee jury and watermark. If it is the case, we would be delighted to email you the names of each member of the committee jury.

– Some photos of the film and a PR file with production notes in order to draft the story dedicated to *SAVING GOD* to be published in the Time for Peace Nominations magazine to be released for December . The program will be used for the committee jury and the international media. It will also mailed to people from the film industry in the US and Europe, and international journalists. In addition, stories about each nominated film will be published on the www.timeforpeace.com in the 2008-2009 Time for Peace Film & Music nominations section to be opened by beginning

of December. You will find here attached a pdf of the last year nominations magazine

– All this material must be mailed to the Time for Peace Film Nominations office in France : Time for Peace Film & Music Awards Nominations Swiss Office – Résidence Excellior/Clarion – Route de la chaux – 74140 Veigy Foncenex – France, or to Time for Peace Inc. in New York at : 303 Park Avenue South – Suite 1119 – New York – NY 10010.

We thank you for your consideration and don't hesitate to send me an email if you need any more information to call me via my Swiss cellular phone: +41-79.841.4671 or leave me a message in New York: +1-212-501.2242

With my best regards and congratulations.

Robert Einbeck
President and co-founder of the Time for Peace & Music Awards