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## ***SAVING GOD* Turning Heads at Film Festivals**

**January 26, 2009.** *SAVING GOD*, the latest DVD release from Cloud Ten Pictures and Clear Entertainment is gathering praise from US independent film festivals, being selected for several festivals that celebrate uplifting quality filmmaking.

*SAVING GOD* has been chosen as a Final Selection for the International Family Film Festival (IFFF). In its fourteenth year, IFF promotes socially responsible films which express a fundamental respect for the positive values of life. “*SAVING GOD* is an inspiring film that we wish there were more of. Its powerful themes are heightened by a remarkable cast and some surprising twists,” says Chris Shoemaker, IFFF Executive Director. IFFF 2009 “World Peace through Filmmaking” is slated for February 26 through March 1, at the historic Raleigh Studios in Hollywood, California.

*SAVING GOD* tells the story of Armstrong Cane (Ving Rhames, *MISSION IMPOSSIBLE*) a reformed ex-con, who returns from prison to preach at his father's former church, only to find the neighborhood overtaken by a ruthless drug dealer (Dean McDermott, “Tori and Dean Home Sweet Hollywood”) and the congregation in crisis. Many are seeking solace from a slick preacher (Ricardo Chavira, “Desperate Housewives”) and abandoning those who need the most help. As Cane works to save the community he left behind, to save his young parishioners from the dangerous draw of the streets and to save himself from the demons of his violent past, he faces the ultimate question: *Who will save God for the souls who have lost Him?*

After IFFF, *SAVING GOD* will travel to Ogden, Utah where it will OPEN the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Foursite Film Festival, March 4-7, 2009. The Foursite Film Festival is the second largest film festival in Utah (behind Sundance), and will boast dozens of features and shorts at four venues in and around Ogden. “*SAVING GOD* exemplifies the Foursite Film Foundation's focus on movies that 'inspire, motivate, uplift and entertain,’” raves Foursite's founder, Scott C. Halford.

“To get such recognition from the festivals and hear how the organizers reacted to our film is a real thrill,” says Clear Entertainment CEO Domenic Serafino. Cloud Ten Pictures CEO, André van Heerden adds, “From the start this has been a special project. It's wonderful to see how *SAVING GOD* is touching others – especially those who literally screen hundreds of other films.”

In April, *SAVING GOD* will be featured as an Official Selection for the FirstGlance Film Fest 9 Hollywood, from April 10-12, 2009. “Saving God was a stand-out film among a record number of submissions. We are thrilled to be featuring it in our Hollywood Festival,” says Bill Ostroff, the festival's founder and director. FirstGlance Festival, lauded by Time Magazine as one of the nation's

“Ten Best Film Festivals for the Rest of Us” (May 30, 2006), is at the forefront of a new frontier in movie distribution, thinking outside the box and updating the old festival paradigm with online film contests and opportunities for moviemakers to circulate their films through new technologies.

*SAVING GOD*'s play at US film festivals follows its nomination for the prestigious international Time for Peace Film Awards. The Time for Peace Film and Music Awards were created in 1994 to honor films that celebrate values that speak to the rights and dignity of men and women alike. The nominating panel is comprised of film and music industry professionals, and the winners are selected by a jury composed of 25 UNITED NATIONS ambassadors, and past winners include filmmakers such as **Steven Spielberg** for *SCHINDLER'S LIST* and later *AMISTAD*, Michael Radford for *IL POSTINO*, Scott Hicks for *SHINE* and Michael Winterbottom for *A MIGHTY HEART*.

The picture has also been endorsed by the family-focused film review boards at the Dove Foundation and the American Family Association, and has received critical acclaim for its realistic depiction of inner-city life and the positive influence faith can bring to even the most desperate situation.

*SAVING GOD* is a co-production by Canadian-based Cloud Ten Pictures and Clear Entertainment. *SAVING GOD* is distributed by Cloud Ten Pictures through Echo Bridge Entertainment and E1 Entertainment Distribution f/k/a Koch Entertainment Distribution.

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