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Photo attached: 1- 2017 Stony Brook Film Festival Closing Night film – *Text for You*, Friedrich Mücke and Karoline Herfurth Credit: Beta Cinema 2- Big screen, seats for 1000 in the Staller Center Main Stage: Alan Inkles, director of Stony Brook Film Festival with Brian Cox, actor and star of last year’s Opening Night film, *The Carer*, with János Edelenyi, director and John Poole, Corinth Films

**U.S. and International Filmmakers and Guests Abound
at Stony Brook Film Festival Presented by Island Federal Credit Union
July 20-29, 2017**

Stony Brook, NY, Monday, July 10, 2017--The international list of guests coming to the 22nd Annual Stony Brook Film Festival presented by Island Federal Credit Union includes filmmakers delivering unique background stories on moviemaking. U.S. filmmakers from across the country will also join with the many international filmmakers representing features and shorts.

The Stony Brook Film Festival brings movie lovers together each summer for a one-of-a-kind event. All ten days of films are shown at Staller Center for the Arts at Stony Brook University in Staller Center’s Main Stage theater. Screenings are in the evenings, earlier on weekends, so there is time for the beach as well as the movies. A Closing Night party celebrates the winners of the Festival competition.

Film passes for all films are \$85 and include many perks including discounts at Film Festival hospitality restaurants. Single tickets are \$12, \$10 for seniors, \$5 for students. A Gold Film Pass for \$225 includes reserved seating and party tickets. For tickets and information, visit stonybrookfilmfestival.com or call (631) 632-2787.

Short films will also be represented by movie people from afar including guests from Israel (*Across the Line*, Thurs, July 27 at 7:00 pm), Armenia (*The Simon’s Way*, Mon, July 24 at 7:00 pm), Latvia (*Just, go!* Wed, July 26 at 9:15 pm), and Estonia (*Snowgirl*, Sat, July 22 at 4:00 pm).

On Opening Night at the U.S. Premiere of *Welcome to Germany*, (Thurs, July 20 at 8:00 pm) Picture Tree International’s Managing Partner, Andreas Rothbauer, will represent the film. Picture Tree is one of Germany’s leading sales agencies and brings two outstanding movies to Stony Book, *Welcome to Germany* and *Hannah’s Sleeping Dogs* (Thurs, July 27 at 9:15 pm).

From the United Kingdom, *Waking David*, (Fri July 21 at 7:00 pm) will be represented by director Kevin Nash and two actresses in the movie, Kristy Bruce and Harriet Madeley. The director and the three main actresses in *Waking David* collaborated to write the screenplay.

The family-friendly animated film, *Ethel & Ernest*, (Sat, July 22 at 4:00 pm) will have U.K. producer Camilla Deakin on hand to answer questions about the animated gem, featuring the voices of Jim Broadbent, Brenda Blethyn and Luke Treadaway.

The Sounding (Sat, July 22 at 7:00 pm) is one of the U.S. productions at the Festival, with many cast and crew on hand, including Catherine Eaton, director, co-writer and main actress in the film.

Representing an amusing account of romance, *Love is Thicker Than Water* (Sat, July 22 at 9:30 pm) is co-director and writer Ate Dejong, returning to the Stony Brook Film Festival for the second time. For those who have seen the National Geographic's Genius series "Einstein" – you may be interested to know that the young actor playing Einstein, Johnny Flynn, stars in the film.

A World Premiere documentary, *To the Edge of the Sky* (Sun, July 23 at 4:00 pm) will bring Academy Award winners, Todd and Jedd Wider to the Festival. The Wider brothers, who grew up in Stony Brook, were the directors of *To the Edge of the Sky*, which reports on the disease Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy and the mothers who are fighting to get drugs approved to help their son.

A delightful American indie, *Laura Gets a Cat* (Wed, July 26 at 7:00 pm) will have director, writer and actor Michael Ferrell on hand, along with Dana Brooke, who plays Laura, the 30-something unemployed writer in the film, as well as many cast members.

The Second Act of Elliott Murphy (Wed, July 26 at 9:15 pm) makes its U.S. Premiere, with rocker Elliott Murphy coming in from his home in Paris to represent the film and play a song or two live. Director Jorge Arenillas will be along to represent the compelling documentary about the singer songwriter's life on the road.

Purple Dreams (Thurs, July 27 at 7:00 pm) is a documentary about the first high school given permission to perform the musical "The Color Purple." Producer, Robin Grey (a Stony Brook alumnus) will be representing the documentary.

Closing Night's feature, the U.S. premiere of *Text for You* (Saturday, July 29 at 8:00 pm) will have the lead actress Karoline Herfurth on hand for a Q&A after the screening. Ms. Herfurth is well-known in Germany and an audience favorite in that country. Following the screening is Stony Brook's very own "Oscar" style awards ceremony. Tickets are available to the party with master of ceremonies, the film critic, John Anderson announcing the Festival winners.

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