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MILAN'S LEONARDO'S HORSE AWARD TO PAUL SORVINO

Los Angeles, California – Paul Sorvino will be presented the Milan's Leonardo Da Vinci's Horse Award on November 5th in the presence of the Consul General of Italy, Giuseppe Perrone.

2013 MIFF Leonardo's Horse Award for Life Achievement to be held on Nov. 5 at the Italian Cultural Institute in LA will be awarded to Paul Sorvino, honoring his long illustrious career.

Sorvino, born from Italian-American parents in 1939 Brooklyn, made his Broadway debut in the 1964 musical *Bajour*, and through the next fifty years have performed in over one hundred forty movies, six television series, two operas, three Broadway plays, musicals on Broadway and at major theaters across the country. Apart from his illustrious acting career, Paul Sorvino also directed two films as well as episodes for TV. He is also a well known philanthropist, animal rights activist, a musician, a writer and a sculptor.

"He is the result of the merging of Italy and America. He worked with some of the greatest directors, with roles that will be remembered..." says Andrea Galante, President of the Milan film society (MIMIFS) and Director of the MIFF Awards "Paul is a true Renaissance man engaging his talent and passion on many facets of life, and we could not think of a better choice for someone with such diverse achievements."

When informed of his receiving the award, Paul Sorvino responded: "To receive an honor in memory of the most luminous creative genius in human history is to be humbled and inspired. Leonardo Da Vinci is the artistic and intellectual paradigm for all our strivings and achievement. And we are so much more for these great gifts."

The Italian Consul General Giuseppe Perrone will attend the event, which will include awarding Lou Diamond Phillips for Best Supporting Actor in *Filly Brown*, Megan Griffith, the director of *Eden* (Best Picture 2013), and Joe Bini for Best Editing in the acclaimed documentary *Manhunt*. Among the special guests, Tomas Arana (*Limitless*), Sven Ole Thorsen (*Gladiator*), Kristine Klebe (*Halloween*), Joe Mantegna (*The Godfather: Part III*), Elisabetta Canalis, and Mira Sorvino are expected to attend.

The MIFF Awards is a revolutionary format specially created to enhance and support international talent of independent cinema, and symbolized by the prestigious Leonardo's Horse. Celebrating its thirteenth anniversary in LA this year, the MIFF Awards takes place in Milan in May of each year, with the winning filmmakers celebrated in Los Angeles every November, hosted by the Italian Cultural Institute.

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