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## **MILAN'S LEONARDO'S HORSE AWARD TO PAUL SORVINO**

**Milan honors Paul Sorvino in Los Angeles with Leonardo da Vinci's Horse, a prestigious symbol of MIFF Awards.**

Los Angeles 5 November 2013. Leonardo's Horse, the Milanese cinema award in its 13th edition, was presented last night to Paul Sorvino at the Italian Cultural Institute of Los Angeles : the Italian-American "bravo ragazzo" was entertaining the MIFF audience with an operatic performance of *O Sole Mio* in opera style when, to his surprise, arrived his famous daughter, Oscar winner Mira Sorvino, to deliver the statuette to his father in honor of his long and illustrious career.

Born in Brooklyn in 1939 by Italian-American parents , Sorvino made her Broadway debut in 1964 with the musical " *Bajour* ." Over the next fifty states in more than one hundred and forty films, six television series , two operas , three plays and musicals on Broadway , and at major theaters around the country. His remarkable career as an actor is flanked , at the end of the 90s , from directing two films and some episodes of the television series . Paul Sorvino is also a well-known philanthropist , animal rights activist , musician, writer and 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 Consul General of Italy , Giuseppe Perrone , attended the event , also actor Lou Diamond Phillips to receive Leonardo's Horse Award Best Supporting Actor in " *Filly Brown* " , Megan Griffith, director of " *Eden* ," the Best Film , 2013, and Joe Bini for Best Editing in the critically acclaimed documentary " *Manhunt* " .

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 it's 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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