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2014 Seventh Annual Bel-Air Film Festival Presented by A2E Family Partnership

Announces Opening Night

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September 26th, 2014 (LOS ANGELES)-The 2014 Seventh Annual Bel-Air Film Festival Presented by the A2E Family Partnership will hold it's opening night red carpet event on October 7th, 2014. The evening will be hosted by actress Christina Collard, and include an honoree ceremony, film screening, and after party at the Saban Theater in Beverly Hills.

Melanie Griffith will present Tippi Hedren with the festival's *Lifetime Achievement Award*, where she will be recognized for her for dedication and career in film. Miss. Hedren, known for her role as an American actress, fashion model and animal rights activist, stars in the Bel-Air Film Festival's Los Angeles Premiere documentary of HAPPY HANDS, directed by Honey Lauren, which chronicles how she helped to create and assist Vietnamese nail salons in the United States.

Emily Ferry, the first woman to be an I.A.T.S.E. Property Master in Hollywood will be honored with the festival's *Leadership in Cinema Award*. Miss Ferry, a leader among film professionals, has worked on numerous Oscar nominated and winning projects. Most notably, she is known for her work on MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA, MATILDA, GATTACA, ED WOOD, and HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS.

The festival will screen the official red carpet Los Angeles Premiere for the feature film, JUST BEFORE I GO, directed by Courteney Cox, starring Seann William Scott, Olivia Thirlby, Garret Dillahunt, Kate Walsh, and Evan Ross. The synopsis is a story about being on the verge of giving up on life, and the lead played by William Scott, travels to his hometown to make amends. The evening will also debut the Los Angeles Premiere

for the short film I'LL BE HOME SOON, directed by James Everett, starring Mouna Albakry, Agata Buzek an Okorie Chukwu.

For more information please visit <u>www.belairfilmfestival.com</u>.

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