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THE SANTA CRUZ FILM FESTIVAL VI – STAY TUNED OPENING NIGHT SCREAMS INTO THEATERS WITH DAVID ARQUETTE'S DIRECTORIAL DEBUT *THE TRIPPER*

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SANTA CRUZ, California. March, 12, 2007... The Santa Cruz Film Festival VI April 19-28, 2007, announces **David Arquette's** directorial debut *The Tripper* for its Opening Night film April 19, 2007. *The Tripper* is a campy horror film with a twisted political satire. *The Tripper* was shot in Santa Cruz in 2006 and is a natural fit for the fest as it features a string of actors and local faces co-mingling in the redwoods. *The Tripper* screens at 7:30 PM at the historic Delmar Theater and follows with a celebration at The Museum of Art and History at The McPherson Center.

"I am so thrilled to have *The Tripper* opening the Santa Cruz Film Festival. It is so fitting that this amazing city with its unique and wonderful people get to see the film that they were instrumental in helping get made." says Arquette.

Perhaps best known for his role as Deputy Dewey in the *Scream* horror film series, David Arquette wrote and directed *The Tripper* in classic horror film fashion. The film follows the path of some hippie kids looking for a good time at a "Love Fest" when mayhem ensues. The weekend of a Woodstock-like festival descends into a horrific slice 'em and dice 'em who-done-it.

Stars of *The Tripper* include **Paul Reubens** (*Pee-Wee's Big Adventure*, *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*), **Jamie King** (*Sin City*), **Thomas Jane** (*The Punisher*), **Lukas Haas** (*Alpha Dog*), **Jason Mewes** (*Clerks*), and **Balthazar Getty** (*Feast*) with cameos from writer/director **David Arquette** and **Courtney Cox** Arquette (*Friends*).

The Tripper was written by Arquette and Joe Harris; produced by Arquette, Cox Arquette, Evan Astrowsky and Neil Machlis; and executive produced by Thomas Jane, Jay Cannold, Craig Cannold and Steve Niles.

James MacLeod's 16 minute short **Chet Helms: The Big Brother of the Summer of Love** will be screened prior to *The Tripper* and Andrea Leland's **Jamesie: King of Scratch** will be the first film of the 45 program Fest at 5pm.

Following the screenings, attendees can use their movie tickets or Festival passes for admission to the Opening Night Party at The Museum of Art & History 705 Front St., Downtown Santa Cruz. **David Arquette, Lukas Haas, Paul Reubens and Brad Hunt are scheduled to appear and join in the festivities.** Music by **D.J. FOX** will be mixing his Grateful Hip-Hop Dead stylings. In the MAH Auditorium—The Godfather of Soul—**James Brown: The Lost Tapes** will be screened which was shot by SCFF Board of Director **Eric Thiermann**. You are in for the ride of your life with a 20-minute version of **Sex Machine** which James himself said was his best. Wine sponsor Bargetto Winery, food by Poppy DeGarmo.

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Tickets for opening night are \$25 general, \$20 for students and seniors and provide admission to opening night party Tickets go on sale April 2 via ticketweb.com or in person at the Metro Santa Cruz Newspaper, 115 Cooper Street, Sylvan Music, 1521 Mission Street. Buy tickets early, this event will sell out!

The Fest runs everyday April 19-28, 2007, and all ticket sales support The **Santa Cruz Film Festival** (SCFF). Interspersed in the ten days of screenings, the Festival will include Christopher Coppola's mini-PAH (Project Accessible Hollywood) cell phone film contest, Intel's 6x6 film contest, question and answer sessions with the movie directors, rowdy parties and musical events—all brands of the SCFF.

Opening night is one of the most important fundraising events for the Film Festival. Community support for this evening, via sponsorships, ticket sales and volunteering is vital. The community is asked to "Make it your Fest" and participate in not one, but many of the Festival's events.

The full program will be announced shortly. STAY TUNED.

For more information about the Film Festival visit www.santacruzfilmfestival.com, or call the Film Fest office at 831.459.7676.

WHAT: The Santa Cruz Film Festival VI "Stay Tuned" Opening Night

WHERE: Screening: Del Mar Theatre, 1124 Pacific Ave., Downtown Santa Cruz
Opening-Night Party: The Museum of Art & History, 705 Front St.,
Downtown Santa Cruz

WHEN: Thursday, April 19, 2007 (Festival runs April 19-28, 2007)

COST: \$25 general, \$20 students & seniors*, \$100 all-access pass
*special opening night price

TIME: 5pm *Jamesie: King of Scratch*, 7:00pm *The Tripper* with Chet Helms:
The Big Brother of the Summer of Love. 9:30 pm Opening Night pARTy at
The Museum of Art & History

INFO: Call the Film Festival at (831) 459-7676. On the web at:
www.santacruzfilmfestival.com

*Film times subject to change without notice.

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