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**RENAISSANCE DUPONT CIRCLE HOTEL AND THE DC COMMISSION ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES
PRESENT SUMMER SCREENINGS: INDEPENDENT FILM SERIES
JULY 12 – AUGUST 23, 2011**

Washington, D.C.— (June 22, 2011) -- Renaissance Dupont Circle Hotel together with the **DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities** will present the second annual **Summer Screenings**, a series of independent film screenings in conjunction with area film organizations. The Lounge at the Renaissance Dupont Circle Hotel will transform into an intimate and inviting theater allowing guests to discover thought provoking and engaging films on Tuesday evenings from 7pm to 10pm from July 12th through August 23rd.

“We are excited to partner with the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities to present the second annual Summer Screenings series as we continue to offer our guests and the community unique experiences and opportunities to discover offerings that are interesting and relevant to Washington, DC,” said Matt Felix, General Manager, Renaissance Dupont Circle Hotel.

Partner local film organizations for Summer Screenings include DC Shorts, Washington Jewish Film, Capital Irish Film Festival, GI Film, Rosebud, Reel Affirmations, and CINE Film Festival. Several of the films will be followed by topical discussions with directors of the films.

Guests will be treated to a unique theater experience complete with custom menu from Chef Devon Capili including “Vans” Chipotle seasoned popcorn, Kobe beef sliders, Ahi tuna sliders, Soft Shell Crab spring rolls, “Sinplicity” yuzu sorbet, Mediterranean nachos and an assortment of cocktails and regional micro-brews.

“What makes this partnership great is that it allows residents of the city to enjoy the arts for free! The Renaissance Dupont Circle Hotel has taken the lead in offering a cool, nonconventional environment for everyone to enjoy this diverse selection of indie films. The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities is proud to be a partner with them for the second year in a row,” states Ayris Scales, Interim Director, DC Commission on the Arts.

For a full schedule of films and more information, please visit www.mbarevents.com or contact film guru Omar Elassel at 202-359-5931.

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