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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 22, 2011**

Washington, D.C.— (June 14, 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 22nd.

“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 interesting experiences and opportunities to discover offerings that are unique 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, 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.

RENAISSANCE WASHINGTON, DC DUPONT CIRCLE HOTEL is a distinctive hotel located in south of end of Washington, DC's Dupont Circle neighborhood at 1143 New Hampshire Avenue and M Street, NW. Situated blocks from Dupont Circle's restaurants and energetic nightlife and close to historic Georgetown, the hotel is minutes from the metro and legendary city sites. The stylish hotel flaunts a cosmopolitan lobby bar featuring a rotating exhibit of contemporary student art works from the Corcoran College of Art + Design, conveying class and provoking guests' sense of discovery, while 10,800 square feet of event space appeals to business travelers with state-of-the-art meeting facilities. Discover a city favorite, the Renaissance Washington, DC Dupont Circle Hotel. For more information or to make a reservation, call (888) 803-1298, or visit www.renaissancedupontcircle.com

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