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MIFF'S LEONARDO AWARD TO TWO TIMES OSCAR WINNER PIETRO SCALIA

Los Angeles, California – Double Oscar winner Pietro Scalia will be presented the Made in Milan Int'l Film Society' s Leonardo's Horse Award on October 27th!

This year's Life Achievement MIFF Awards will be awarded to Pietro Scalia and presented by Martha De Laurentiis, honoring his career of work, the first time this award is to be given in Los Angeles. Pietro Scalia, born in Catania in 1960, won an Oscar for his editing of Oliver Stone's *JFK* in 1992 and Ridley Scott's *Black Hawk Down* in 2002. He was also Oscar Nominated for his work on Gus Van Sant's *Good Will Hunting* in 1998 and Ridley Scott's *Gladiator* in 2002. In addition to these films, his body of work includes many other well-known film credits including *Hannibal*, *American Gangster* and *Prometheus*. He is currently in London working on Ridley Scott's new film *The Counselor*, featuring an all-star cast that includes Michael Fassbender, Brad Pitt, Cameron Diaz, Javier Bardem and Penelope Cruz. The MIFF Award will be presented at the Italian Institute of Culture in Los Angeles on October 27th.

"We couldn't start with a better assignment and in a more suitable place. Peter is an Italian par excellence in his field and sought after by the world's greatest international filmmakers. The Italian Institute is a flagpole of Italian culture located in the perfect place for cinema," says Andrea Galante, President of the Milan film society (MIMIFS) and Director of the MIFF Awards. When apprised of his receiving the award, Peter Scalia responded: "An exclusive award that celebrates one of the greatest minds in history, an absolute genius who used to create his works making note of his visions and then rearranging his ideas for execution. It seems that the miracle of Vinci has now entered the cinema world as well, and it is truly commendable that Milan has honored him as an inspiration of creativity to independent movies. I am honored to receive this prestigious Italian award in Los Angeles, my second nest. "

The Italian Consul in Los Angeles, Giuseppe Perrone, will attend the celebration night, which will include the awarding of Fredrik Gertten's documentary *Big Boys Gone Bananas*, the 2012 winner of the MIFF Awards in Milan for Best Picture and Best Documentary, and nominated also at Sundance this past May.

The MIFF Awards are a revolutionary format specially created to enhance and support international talent of independent cinema, and recognized with the precious Leonardo's Horse. Celebrating it's twelfth anniversary this year, the MIFF Awards take place in Milan in May of each year, with the winning filmmaker also celebrated in Los Angeles, hosted by the Italian Institute of Culture.

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