



MEDIA ADVISORY

CFC WELCOMES COMEDY GIANTS TO MENTOR FILMMAKERS AT NEW TELEFILM CANADA FEATURES COMEDY LAB

Toronto, November 12, 2009 – CFC (Canadian Film Centre) is pleased to welcome a stellar cast of comedy professionals in town next week to participate in the **Telefilm Canada Features Comedy Lab**, a CFC Film program presented in collaboration with Just For Laughs.

The following accomplished mentors and guests will work with the five selected filmmaking teams and their feature comedy scripts through workshops, master classes and intimate one-on-one sessions.

Eugene Levy – Chair, multi award-winning, actor, writer, producer, composer (*For Your Consideration, A Mighty Wind, Taking Woodstock, American Pie*)

Ivan Reitman – Director and Executive Producer, The Montecito Picture Company (*I Love you Man, Ghostbusters, Animal House*)

Jimmy Miller – owner Mosaic Media Group and Producer (*Elf, Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby*)

Etan Cohen - Writer/producer, (co-writer, *Tropic Thunder, Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa, Idiocracy*)

Len Blum - Writer/producer (*Meatballs, Stripes, Over The Hedge, The Pink Panther*);

Kirsten Smith - Producer/writer (exec. producer *Whip It*, writer/producer *The Ugly Truth*, writer *Legally Blonde, 10 Things I Hate About You*)

Tai Duncan - Producer, Paul Schiff Productions (*which has produced films such as Epic Movie, My Cousin Vinny, Rushmore, Young Guns*)

Alan Blomquist - Executive Producer, Parallel Entertainment Pictures (*Blue Collar Comedy Tour, Chocolat, Duplex*).

Deborah Liebling - Executive Vice President, 20th Century Fox, (producer: *South Park Bigger Longer & Uncut; Dodgeball: The Underdog Story; Idiocracy*)

Donna Roth & Susan Arnold - Producers/executive producers Roth-Arnold Productions (*Benny & Joon, Gross Pointe Blank, Unstrung Heroes, America's Sweethearts, 13 Going On 30*)

Donald Petrie – Director/producer (director, *How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days, Miss Congeniality, Grumpy Old Men, Mystic Pizza*)

Gary Winick - Director/producer, (director, *13 Going On 30, Bride Wars, Tadpole*; producer, *Puccini For Beginners, Lonesome Jim, Uptown Girls*,

Danny Leiner - Director/producer, (*Balls Out: The Gary Houseman Story*, *The Great New Wonderful*, director, *Harold & Kumar Go To White Castle*, *Dude Where's My Car*)

Peter Saraf - Producer, Big Beach Films (*Away We Go*, *Sunshine Cleaning*, *Little Miss Sunshine*, *Everything Is Illuminated*, *Adaptation*)

A CFC Film program presented in collaboration with Just For Laughs, the **Telefilm Canada Features Comedy Lab** is a high-level creative and business catalyst for five new comedy projects destined for theatrical release. It pairs experienced Canadian feature film producers, their writer and/or director teams and their comedy scripts, with the best comedy minds in the world to further develop and package for investment five viable English-language theatrical feature comedies for 2010.

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