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The Grand Cinema Presents 10th Annual Tacoma Film Festival

Tacoma, WA – Now in its 10th consecutive year, the <u>Tacoma Film Festival</u> is hailed the "ultimate indie festival" of the Northwest, highlighting the connectedness of local, national, and international films each fall. Between October 8th and 15th, an eclectic array of feature, documentary, live action, animated and short films will be screened in several venues throughout the City of Destiny connecting the community with many first seen films.

The Tacoma Film Festival (TFF) offers a variety of film events including mixers, discussions, workshops, filmmaker meet-and-greets, and a hosted event with a special guest celebrity (to be announced in the coming weeks). After a decade of operations, TFF attracts film submissions locally and internationally from places as far flung as Estonia, Uruguay and the Congo. A program team helps review and select the best films to premiere from the more than 1,000 film submissions that have been entered, and audience members will be invited to participate in festival favorite voting to determine which films will receive cash prizes and the <u>2015 TFF</u> <u>Audience Choice Awards</u>.

This year's festival schedule will be expanded for the first time ever with the integration of <u>25</u> <u>New Faces of Independent Film</u> as a festival program. Historically a stand-alone program hosted by The Grand, 25 New Faces of Independent Film is a celebration of the industry's most distinguished up-and-coming filmmakers announced by Filmmaker Magazine, our nation's leading cinema periodical. The Grand is proud to be the only partnering cinema which hosts these honorees with a program of events outside of New York City, offering TFF festival goers the chance to see and discuss films with the creators, many of whom are expected to continue developing in prominence in the industry. Prior 25 New Faces honorees have included Ryan Gosling, Hillary Swank, Ellen Page and more.

<u>Applications</u> are now being accepted for press credentials for the 10th Annual Tacoma Film Festival. Applications and headshots must be received no later than Friday, September, 25. Festival goers can purchase advance, all-access passes that include unlimited TFF movie nights or single admission tickets.

Tickets for *Tacoma Film Festival* will be available in limited supply starting in September at The Grand's Box Office (606 S Fawcett Ave, Tacoma 98402), or online at www.GrandCinema.com.