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## **Inaugural West Hollywood International Film Festival Opens Tuesday**

WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA -- The first-ever West Hollywood International Film Festival opens July 29-Aug. 1 at various theaters and will feature more than 100 independent, general audience full-length feature and short films from nearly 20 countries around the world.

In its inaugural year, the 2008 West Hollywood International Film Festival (WHIFF) was founded by Martin De Luca, who is bringing in a diversified lineup of full-length international feature films for festival screening at several venues, including the Regency Theaters, House of Blues, and the Writer's Guild of America.

The Festival will host a press conference with Alan Rosenberg, president of the Screen Actors Guild at noon on July 30 at the House of Blues on Sunset Blvd.

The diversified screening schedule includes:

**Sounds:** A goofy sci-fi thriller-comedy that pokes fun at cinematic drama while featuring some dramatic special effects and a couple of FBI agents on their biggest case ever. Take the X-Files and morph it with Monty Python, add a touch of Tim Burton, and toss in a hint of Close Encounters and you've got one wickedly wacky film. *Sounds* is presented in a new digitally enhanced process called Super-Resolution Technology. **Screening: 5:30 p.m., July 29 at the Regency Theaters on Beverly Blvd.**

**Dance of the Dragon:** A drama about Korean country boy Tae, who has dreamed of being a famous ballroom dancer since his first encounter with the beautiful form when he was a young boy. Twenty years later, he has taught himself to dance with the aid of dance books. **Screening: 7 p.m., July 29 at the Writers Guild of America.**

**Broken Glass:** Seven bottles of wine mark turning points in Valentina's life, from first love to first betrayal, leading the story in unexpected directions. After Valentina's overbearing mother catches her in the arms of her female lover, the beautiful Alessandra, she is given an ultimatum: live a "normal" life or be forever cut off. Acquiescing to this demand, she finds a boyfriend. But when he betrays her with another man, Valentina is unable to cope, triggering her repressed male alter-ego to emerge and take over. **Screening: 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 29 at the Regency Theaters.**

**An Islamic Conscience** (Documentary): For the past five decades the Aga Khan has been the spiritual leader and Imam of the Ismaili Muslims in a world that has changed dramatically. The Aga Khan vehemently says we are NOT facing a clash of civilizations or even of religions: he says we are facing a clash of ignorance. **Screening: 8:30 p.m., Wednesday July 30 at the Regency Theaters.**

Ticket prices start at \$8 for students and seniors, \$8 for West Hollywood residents and \$10 for individual general admission. For tickets and complete schedule of all films, visit [www.whiff2008.com](http://www.whiff2008.com) or call (424) 288-4536.

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