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DEMETRI MARTIN ON BOARD TO HOST THE 11TH ANNUAL ORPHEUS AWARDS SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2017

Los Angeles, CA June 5, 2017 Actor/comedian/writer/director Demetri Martin (“Dean,” “Finding Woodstock”) will take center stage at the Egyptian Theatre Sunday evening July 11 to host the 11th Annual Los Angeles Greek Film Festival. The awards are the closing night highlight to the five-day festival of films, panels and events honoring the best of the fest.

Opening the Awards is Los Angeles based comedy troupe WET THE HIPPO who will perform for the 500 seat sold out crowd.

Joining Martin on stage are the LAGFF heads and founders and nine-member Jury who will award the Orpheus to the Best Performance, Feature Narrative, Documentary and Short Films. In addition, the audience votes will have been tabulated and the one film that garners the most votes will be given the Audience Award.

Paramount CEO Jim Gianopulos will take the podium to present Oscar-winning writer/producer/director Alexander Payne with the 2017 Honorary Orpheus Award.

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Aegean Entertainment - Marianne Metropoulos, President of Aegean Entertainment, founded the company in 1999. Currently in post-production is a feature film titled CLIFFS OF FREEDOM, based on the original fictional story Metropoulos wrote in 1996, about a young village woman's journey through personal family tragedy who becomes a famous freedom fighter during the Greek Revolution of 1821. The film is slated for theatrical release in late 2017. "The Hellenes", a series based upon Greece's 400 year occupation by the Ottoman Empire, is currently out to various networks. A documentary about climate change and its devastating effects on our planet is slated for production in 2018 and will be hosted by Dean Metropoulos.

Co-Presenter:

The Onassis Foundation (USA) is committed to the promotion of Greek culture. By cooperating with educational and cultural institutions in Greece and the Americas, it promotes cultural relations. The Onassis Cultural Center NY, founded in 2000, explores Greek culture, from antiquity to today, through a diverse program of exhibitions, events and online engagement. Located in midtown Manhattan, the renovated space offers experiences that inspire and support interaction between audiences and artists in all cultural fields from visual arts, dance, film, music and theater to the humanities. Programs—for novices and scholars—are presented free of charge.

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