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HBO's KARY ANTHOLIS

And

"HERCULE'S" SCRIBE EVAN SPILIOPOULOS

FESTIVAL WELCOMES THREE NEW BOARD MEMBERS INCLUDING

NICK CASSAVETES TO THEIR ADVISORY BOARD

Los Angeles Greek Film Festival June 3-7, Egyptian Theatre Hollywood

(Los Angeles- May 14, 2015) – **The Ninth Annual Los Angeles Greek Film Festival** (LAGFF/ lagff.org) is pleased to announce that **Kary Antholis**, president, HBO Miniseries and Cinemax Programming, for Home Box Office and "Hercules" scribe **Evan Spiliotopoulos** are this year's recipients of the Festival's top honor – the prestigious **Honorary Orpheus Award**. The Awards will be given out at the red carpet Closing Night Gala on Sunday, June 7 at the Egyptian Theatre, Hollywood following the screening of **Panos Koutras' XENIA**.

"LAGFF could not be more proud of this year's Honorary Orpheus Award Winners. We selected Kary Antholis to receive this year's Award for his contributions not only as an executive and filmmaker bringing high quality programming to the world but also for his generosity in mentoring us and upcoming filmmakers", says Co-Founder **Ersi Danou**. "As a writer, Evan Spiliotopoulos has established a very successful career in Hollywood and abroad. His ability to write for several genres shows an uncanny dexterity and talent. We are honoring him for his current successes and also for an even brighter future ahead." Ms. Danou added.

LAGFF is also pleased to add three new members to its already impressive roster of Industry Advisors. The 2015 additions to the **LAGFF Advisory Board** are Writer/Director/Actor **Nick Cassavetes**, Starz Executive Vice President of Worldwide Distribution **Gene George**, and Fullscreen Chief Executive Officer and Founder **George Stropoulos**.

Named for the mythical Greek poet, the **Orpheus Award** is the Los Angeles Greek Film Festival's annual prize intended to honor the best in Greek and Greek-inspired cinema. Since the Festival's inception in 2006 the awards night has become an integral event serving to highlight the art and artists who are changing the way we think about film.

The award itself was designed and sculpted by Greek artist [Miltos Papastergiou](#). Papastergiou, who studied under Yannis Pappas, attended the Ecole des Beaux Arts de Paris and has regularly presented his work in both Athens and Larissa.

Past Orpheus Award winners have included many prestigious industry professionals including: Anthony Katagas (Producer), Steve Nicolaides(Producer) , Phedon Papamichael (Cinematographer), Olympia Dukakis (Actress).

Gold passes on sale now. **For more information and tickets, visit www.lagff.org**

2015 ORPHEUS AWARD HONOREES

KARY ANTHOLIS

President, HBO Miniseries and Cinemax Programming

Kary Antholis is president, HBO Miniseries and Cinemax Programming, for Home Box Office, responsible for overseeing the development and production of HBO miniseries and Cinemax original programming. He was named to the Miniseries position in October 2008 and added the Cinemax Programming responsibilities in 2011.

Most recently Antholis was program executive on the four-part miniseries *Olive Kitteridge*, adapted from the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Elizabeth Strout; as well as the Cinemax original series *The Knick*, from director Steven Soderbergh and starring Clive Owen. He also oversaw the Golden Globe® and multiple Emmy®-winning miniseries *Mildred Pierce*, starring Kate Winslet; the multiple Emmy®-winning miniseries *John Adams* and *Generation Kill*; the epic 10-part event *The Pacific*; and *Strike Back*, now entering its fourth season, and *Banshee* from executive producer Alan Ball, now entering its third season, both for Cinemax.

Antholis first joined HBO in 1992 as director, Documentary Programming, where he oversaw the development and production of HBO documentaries and acted as program executive on award-winning documentaries such as *Educating Peter*, *The Broadcast Tapes of Dr. Peter* and *Gang War: Bangin' in Little Rock*.

He left HBO in 1994 to produce and direct the documentary *One Survivor Remembers*, which debuted on HBO and won an Oscar® and a Primetime Emmy® in 1995. In 2012, *One Survivor Remembers* was one of 25 titles added by the Librarian of Congress to the National Film Registry, an honor given to “culturally, historically or aesthetically” significant American films. He also created and was executive producer of *The Cape*, a one-hour drama syndicated during the 1996-97 television season.

Antholis rejoined HBO in April 1997 as a consultant on the Emmy®-winning miniseries *From the Earth to the Moon*. He was promoted to vice president, Original Programming, Drama Events, in 1998, responsible for overseeing the development and production of drama programming for HBO, and worked as a program executive on the miniseries *The Corner* during that time. In 1999, Antholis was made vice president, HBO Films, supervising such projects as

EVAN SPILIOPOULOS

Born in Greece, Evan Spiliotopoulos moved to the United States after high school. Shortly after graduating American University in Washington DC, Evan began pursuing his career as a writer. While employed at Disney, Evan wrote numerous animated films including: Tinkerbell and the Lost Treasure, The Little Mermaid III, Pooh's Heffalump Movie and The Three Musketeers which earned him a DVDX nomination for Best Screenplay. Outside of Disney, Evan also wrote The Nutty Professor for the Weinstein Company, starring Jerry Lewis and the Ottawa International Film Festival Grand Prize winner Battle for Terra.

After his stint in the animated world, Evan made the transition into live-action. Among projects for Fox, Paramount and Sony, Evan wrote the Snow White and the Huntsman draft that got the project green lit and attached star Chris Hemsworth. Subsequently, Evan wrote Hercules for MGM, directed by Brett

Ratner and starring Dwayne Johnson as well as Universal's The Huntsman, currently filming in the UK and starring Hemsworth, Charlize Theron, Emily Blunt and Jessica Chastain.

Evan's future projects include Beauty and the Beast for Disney, starring Emma Watson and directed by Bill Condon; Young Sherlock Holmes for Paramount produced by Steven Spielberg and Chris Columbus; Seven Wonders for Fox, produced by Brett Ratner and Beau Flynn; and The Dishonourables for Sony, produced by Joe Roth and Palak Patel.

ABOUT LAGFF The Los Angeles Greek Film Festival showcases new films from Greek filmmakers worldwide. Our foremost goal is to promote Greek cinema and cultural exchange while bridging the gap between Greek filmmakers and Hollywood. Orpheus Awards are given to the most outstanding new films in the dramatic, documentary and short film categories.

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