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IFP/CHICAGO TO HONOR TOWERS PRODUCTIONS AT 2009 INDEPENDENT FILM GALA

CHICAGO, IL - June 29, 2009
IFP/Chicago has officially announced Towers Productions as the 2009 Honoree for their 2009 Independent Film Gala to be held Friday, September 25th, 2009. In addition to celebrating IFP/Chicago's many successes throughout the past year, the Gala will celebrate Towers Productions 20th Anniversary and their dedication to local production. The 2009 Gala Sponsors to-date include, Kodak, Columbia College and Glaceau/Smartwater. Tickets and raffle tickets are now on sale at www.ifpchicago.org.

Towers Productions Inc. has produced thousands of hours of programming for networks, such as A&E, Animal Planet, Bio, CNN, and Discovery Channel, to name a few. TPI is part of the multi-media group Towers Holdings, Inc., whose activities also include branded entertainment, equipment rentals, media services and program distribution.

IFP/Chicago's third annual Independent Film Gala will be held at the WIT Hotel, Chicago's most recently opened luxury boutique hotel. The evening will begin with a VIP reception at 6:00pm, followed by The Independent Film Gala at 6:30pm. In addition to amazing food, drinks entertainment, and an outstanding auction, the evening promises to be a fabulous networking opportunity, while continuing with its reputation as being both eventful and inspiring. Celebrity guests and the Master of Ceremonies will be announced soon.

All proceeds will go to expand IFP/Chicago's services and programs serving the filmmaking community throughout the Midwest, including a successful mentorship program focused on supporting underserved youth. The IFP/Chicago mentorship program produces a completely student-created film each year with students from The Chicago Vocational Career Academy. These films have won the Student Award of Excellence for Technical Achievement from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences for the past two years, making CVCA the second school in history to win the award twice. The films, *The Last Stain* and *Hush*, can be viewed on the IFP/Chicago website at www.ifpchicago.org. Due to the success of last year's Gala, IFP/Chicago was able to add a second school to the roster.

To learn more about IFP Chicago and Towers Productions please visit www.ifpchicago.org and www.towersproductions.com. For more information about sponsorship, joining the Host Committee or becoming a part of the 2009 Independent Film Gala please contact Colleen O'Neill, Director of Development, at coneill@ifp.org.

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