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TODD PHILLIPS NAMED SHOWEST DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

PHILLIPS' LATEST COMEDY, WARNER BROS. PICTURES' AND LEGENDARY PICTURES' *DUE DATE*, TO BE RELEASED ON NOVEMBER 5, 2010

LOS ANGELES — ShoWest has named Todd Phillips Director of the Year, it was announced today by Robert Sunshine, managing director of ShoWest, which will be held March 15 – 18, 2010, in Las Vegas. Phillips will be presented with the ShoWest Director of the Year Award at ShoWest's Final Night Banquet and Award Ceremony on Thursday, March 18, at Bally's and Paris Las Vegas.

"Todd Phillips is a phenomenal talent whose skills were most recently exemplified in the critically acclaimed and audience favorite comedy *The Hangover* this past year," said Sunshine. "With many more films in the works, including his star-studded film *Due Date*, coming later this year, Phillips is beyond deserving of the Director of the Year Award. We look forward to presenting him with this accolade, which we believe will be only one of many throughout his career."

Phillips is currently directing the Warner Bros. Pictures and Legendary Pictures film *Due Date*, which will open on November 5 and stars Robert Downey Jr., Zach Galifianakis, Michelle Monaghan, Jamie Foxx and Alan Arkin. Downey stars as Peter Highman, an expectant first-time father whose wife's due date is a mere five days away. As Peter hurries to catch a flight home from Atlanta to be at her side for the birth, his best intentions go completely awry when a chance encounter with aspiring actor Ethan Tremblay (Zach Galifianakis) forces Peter to hitch a ride with Ethan – on what turns out to be a cross-country road trip that will ultimately destroy several cars, numerous friendships and Peter's last nerve.

Phillips started his career as a documentary filmmaker releasing his first film *Hated* in 1994 which was one of the highest-grossing student films of the time. He followed that up with *Frat House*, in 1998, winning him the Sundance Film Festival Grand Jury Prize. A meeting with producer Ivan Reitman at Sundance led to Phillips' crossover to features. His first feature film, *Road Trip*, was released in 2000. He followed it up working with some of Hollywood's biggest comedic actors, writing and directing such films as *Old School*, *Starsky & Hutch* and *School For Scoundrels*. The 2006 release *Borat* brought him an Academy Award® nomination for Best Adapted Screenplay. His latest release, *The Hangover*, is the highest-grossing R-rated comedy of all time and won the Golden Globe for Best Motion Picture-Musical or Comedy, and the Critics' Choice Award for Best Comedy Film.

ShoWest is the largest annual convention for the motion picture industry. It is the only international gathering devoted exclusively to the movie business and the single largest international gathering of motion picture professionals and theatre owners in the world. The 2010 edition of ShoWest will be held March 15 – 18, 2010 at Bally's and Paris Las Vegas and is expected to draw more than 5,000 members of the motion picture industry. Each year, ShoWest attracts delegates from more than 50 countries in North and South America, Europe, Asia and Australia. ShoWest is produced by the Film Group of e5 Global Media. The Film Group also includes ShowEast, CineAsia, Cinema Expo International and Film Journal International. e5 Global Media also produces the Film Group's sister publication, *The Hollywood Reporter*.

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