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9th ANNUAL SOUTH EAST EUROPEAN FILM FESTIVAL, MAY 1-5, 2014  
TO HIGHLIGHT 'EUROPE IN TIME OF TURMOIL'

LOS ANGELES, 31 March 2014 -- SEEFest, the South East European Film Festival, runs May 1-5 with opening and closing nights at the Writers Guild Theater in Beverly Hills, and screenings at the Goethe-Institute in the Wilshire Courtyard in the Miracle Mile district and other locations. The theme of the 2014 edition of the festival is "Europe in time of turmoil". Highlighting the turbulent past of the 15-country region, the festival trains its lens on events that keep haunting the fragile fault line running deep through South East Europe--ranging from the southern edges of Central Europe, through the Balkans to the Black Sea.

"In choosing the theme for 2014 we have focused on individuals swept by the 'winds of war'," says Vera Mijojlic, director of the festival. "Three once great, now defunct empires still loom large over Eastern Europe: Austria-Hungary, Ottoman and Russian empires. Their past quest for dominion continues to haunt people who search for the elusive peace and respite from the revolving doors of conflicts."

World and North American premieres of feature films, shorts and documentaries at the 2014 festival include thrillers, comedies, melodramas, with filmmaker guests from Europe as well as industry guests from Hollywood. The festival regularly attracts contingent of American and expat independent filmmakers who come to see new works and look for opportunities at the festival's Business Conference.

The Conference, now in its sixth year, is a free event and open to the public. It connects S.E. European filmmakers with their American counterparts and Hollywood executives. In the past, featured speakers have included representatives from Warner Brothers, Walt Disney Studio, Mace Neufeld Productions and Relativity Media. The conference has become a lively business market generating tangible opportunities for filmmakers, landing acting roles for L.A.-based talent and closing financing for projects as a result of the 2013 conference.

The complete roster and playdates of films to be screened at SEEFest 2014 will be announced in the first week of April.

#### **About SEEFest**

The South East European Film Festival, SEEFest presents cinematic and cultural diversity of South East Europe to American audiences and creates cultural connections through films, artistic and social events. SEEFest was founded in 2006 by Vera Mijojlic, long-time film critic and cultural entrepreneur.

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