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PBCC's Duncan Theatre Announces End of EmergingCinemas Film Series

PBCC's Stage West Theatre will Still be Busy During the Duncan's 20th Anniversary Season 2006-2007

(October 5, 2006 - Lake Worth, FL) The **Duncan Theatre**, a highly acclaimed 720-seat performing arts venue on the Lake Worth campus of **Palm Beach Community College**, today announced that its digital partnership with **Emerging Pictures**, a national company that distributes and promotes independent and international films, will be over as of the end of this month.

Through this partnership announced last year, the Duncan presented a series of independent and international films in **Stage West Theatre**, an intimate 123-seat theater that is part of the Duncan.

“We are extremely proud to have initiated this independent and foreign film program in Palm Beach County for the benefit of our residents, visitors and, of course, the staff, faculty and students of Palm Beach Community College,” said **Mark Alexander**, manager of PBCC's Duncan Theatre. “The great diversity of cultures, history and points of view examined in the films we presented over the last 14 months offered an incredible alternative film experience for our entire community.”

“Because PBCC hasn't changed any of the terms of our original agreement with the NY-based company, we are extremely disappointed that EmergingPictures has decided to relocate the series and deny us the opportunity to build on our early success,” he continued.

“We particularly want to thank all of those individuals and organizations - especially our Film Society members, the Palm Beach County Cultural Council and the Palm Beach County Film and Television Commission - for their support of the EmergingCinemas series. Certainly, we could never have presented this successful film series without them,” said Alexander.

The Duncan will still be presenting 14 films this month, including seven movies through the second annual **Latinbeat '06** (October 5-7) and three films by acclaimed Spanish director Pedro Almodóvar. For more information about the films to be shown this month, people should call the Film Hotline at **561.868.3948**.

“Even without the EmergingCinemas film series, we will be particularly busy as the Duncan celebrates its 20th anniversary season, which include several new works commissioned by the Lake Worth theatre, the creation of the world's largest outdoor earth harp, a special concert honoring the memory of Watson B. Duncan III, and special performances by Trio Virtuosi, BodyVox, MASS Ensemble, the Cypress String Quartet, Sophie B. Hawkins, Garth Fagan Dance and TheatreWorks USA's production of *Seussical: The Musical*. In Stage West alone, we will have a Monday night play reading series, comic Poppy Champlin, the Uncommon Grounds coffeehouse series, including folk legend Tom Rush, and two productions by Take Heed, a local professional theatre company,” added Alexander.

Duncan Theatre Performance Notes

To order tickets, please call the Duncan Theatre box-office at **561.868.3309**. All programs, artists and dates are subject to change. No refund or exchange after purchase.

“The Duncan Theatre and Palm Beach Community College gratefully acknowledge the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Southern Arts Federation; the Florida Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs; Palm Beach County Cultural Council; Palm Beach County; and WXEL-TV/90.7 FM for their support of our year-long series of events,” says **Mark Alexander**, manager of the Duncan Theatre.

PBCC's Duncan Theatre is located at 4200 Congress Avenue in Lake Worth. From I-95, take exit 63 (6th Avenue South) and go west for one mile. Free parking is available.

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