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With Fifteen Oscar® Nominations in 2008  
**The Hamptons International Film Festival**  
Brings The Best To You First

As the 81<sup>th</sup> Academy Awards® nominations were announced this past week, we just wanted to point out the continuing streak of Academy Award nods that the Hamptons International Film Festival presents to its East End audience well before they are destined for the Oscars. This year's nominated films that screened at the recent Hamptons include ***Slumdog Millionaire*** and ***The Wrestler***.

Yes, it's that time again; the anticipation of which films will stand out from the others and rise to the top. Which actor, director, cinematographer will be recognized for their exceptional work? And in the case of the Hamptons International Film Festival, which of their Festival selections will make the cut and possibly walk away with the ultimate in cinematic awards.

***Slumdog Millionaire***, which made its East Coast Premiere at the 2008 Hamptons, has received Oscar® nods for **Best Picture**, **Best Director** (Danny Boyle), **Best Adapted Screenplay** (Simon Beaufoy), **Best Cinematography** (Anthony Dod Mantle), **Best Film Editing** (Chris Dickens), **Best Original Score** (A.R. Rahman), **Best Sound Editing** (Tom Sayers), **Best Sound Mixing** (Ian Tapp, Richard Pryke and Resul Pookutty), and two in the **Best Original Song** category ("*Jai Ho*") and ("*O Saya*").

***The Wrestler***, presented as one of our Spotlight presentations, has garnered nominations for **Best Actor** (Mickey Rourke) and **Best Supporting Actress** (Marisa Tomei).

In addition, ***Oktapodi*** (directed by Emud Mokhberi and Thierry Marchand), which made its US Premiere at the Hamptons, is nominated for **Best Animated Short**; ***New Boy*** (directed by Steph Green) has received a **Best Live Action Short** nod; and ***The Pig*** (directed by Dorte Hogh), North American Premiere at Hamptons, has a **Best Live Action Short** nomination.

And speaking of Awards, ***Slumdog Millionaire*** has already captured the Golden Globe for Best Picture, Director, and Screenplay, and has been nominated for BAFTAs for Best Picture, Director, Actor (Dev Patel), Screenplay, and Music. ***The Wrestler*** has seen Mickey Rourke winning the Golden Globe for Best Actor and nominations for his performance from BAFTA and the SAG Awards. ***Love You More*** (directed by Sam Taylor Wood), making its North American premiere at the Fest, and the World Premiere ***Voyage d'Affaires*** (directed by Sean Ellis) are both nominated for BAFTAs for Best Short Film. And, while we're on the subject of short films, ***Love You More*** and ***Jerrycan*** (directed by Julius Avery; North American Premiere at the Hamptons) were both awarded Special Jury Prizes at the just ended Sundance Film Festival. The Hamptons International Film Festival is an especially plum event for short films as it is one of the select few Academy-qualifying Festivals.

"Each year, we aim to bring the best films from around the world to our audiences out east. It is a great feeling to then see these films recognized by the Awards organizations. It's been particularly rewarding this year to see a film like ***Slumdog Millionaire***, which was little known when our festival began, blossom into that is on everyone's lips. The programming team is proud of all of our short and feature nominations and awards announced thus far, and look forward to bringing more of such films to the Hamptons in 2009," says David Nugent, Director of Programming.

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Hamptons International Film Festival will be held in mid-October, 2009.  
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