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THE 17TH ANNUAL HAMPTONS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

ANNOUNCES THE ADDITION OF

UP IN THE AIR

**Directed by Jason Reitman, featuring George Clooney, Vera Farmiga
and Anna Kendrick to the Festival lineup**

East Hampton – NY - Sept. 28, 2009 : The 2009 Hamptons International Film Festival proudly announces an addition to their festival line-up , Paramount Pictures' *Up in the Air*, co-written and directed by Jason Reitman, starring George Clooney, Vera Farmiga and Anna Kendrick. The film screens Saturday, October 10th at 9:30pm.

From Jason Reitman, the Oscar®-nominated director of *Juno*, comes *Up in the Air*, the timely odyssey of Ryan Bingham (Oscar® winner George Clooney), a corporate downsizer and consummate modern business traveler who, after years of staying happily airborne, suddenly finds himself ready to make a real connection.

When he falls for a simpatico fellow traveler (Vera Farmiga), Ryan's boss (Jason Bateman), inspired by a young, upstart efficiency expert (Anna Kendrick), threatens to permanently call him in from the road. Faced with the prospect, at once terrifying and exhilarating, of being grounded, Ryan begins to contemplate what it might actually mean to have a home.

“Up in the Air represents the filmmaking at its highest level, with sharp direction from Jason Reitman, George Clooney at the top of his game, and Anna Kendrick in a truly star-making performance says Director of programming David Nugent. The film manages to veer so effortlessly between hilarity and pathos, since the issues that explores

are serious, but ripe with comic possibilities. Like the best comedies, Reitman and his team walk this tightrope perfectly.”

Up in the Air received all-around outstanding reviews at the recently concluded Toronto Film Festival. Richard Corliss of Time Magazine wrote that it was “*one of the festival’s and the year’s best movies*” ...with Clooney offering the “*sharpest and most nuanced performance of his career... He and Reitman could close the sale on Oscar night.*”

Reitman’s screenplay for *Up in the Air*, based on the novel by Walter Kirn, has been pronounced “*a shoo-in for Oscar for Best Adapted Screenplay*”, on NPR’s Fresh Air.

Up in the Air is the second Clooney film at this year’s Hamptons International Film Festival. Clooney also stars in the previously announced (*The Men Who Stare at Goats*, directed by Grant Heslov).

The Hamptons International Film Festival is supported by American Airlines, Altour and c/o The Maidstone Hotel.

ABOUT THE HAMPTONS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

The Hamptons International Film Festival was founded to celebrate the Independent film - long, short, fiction and documentary - and to introduce a unique, varied spectrum of international films and filmmakers to the public. The Festival is committed to exhibiting films that express fresh voices and differing global perspectives, with the hope that these programs will enlighten audiences, provide invaluable exposure for filmmakers and present inspired entertainment for all.

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