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Palm Beach (March 4, 2016) – The Hamptons International Film Festival visits Palm Beach, hosted by local New Yorkers and Hamptonites.

Representatives from the Hamptons International Film Festival (HIFF) were on hand for a delightful evening at **Marzia Precoda's** beautiful home in Palm Beach to fete HIFF's recent success at the Oscars from films that played in the 23rd annual film festival last October. 2016 marks the 6th time in a row HIFF has played the ultimate Oscar Best Picture and Foreign Picture winners. The annual event which takes place each Columbus Day weekend in October, has honored the likes of **Susan Sarandon, Meryl Streep, Richard Gere, Nathan Lane, Vanessa Redgrave**, as well as produced one-on-one talks with notables such as **James Franco, Michael Moore, Laura Dern, Patricia Clarkson, Hilary Swank and Robert Altman**. In its 16th year, HIFF has also identified rising stars such as **Jessica Chastain, Rooney Mara, Blake Lively, and Adam Driver**, and specifically **Alicia Vikander and Brie Larson**, Best Supporting Actress and Actress Oscar winners this year.

In addition to **Executive Director Anne Chaisson** and **Development Director Jordan Overstreet**, the illustrious roster of supporters attending the event included **Harry and Gigi Benson, Pamela Fiori, Pamela O'Connor, Paola Bacchini Rosenshein, Shelley Menin, Mai Harrison Hallingby, Joan Schnitzer, Jacqueline Weld Drake, Diane de la Bégassière, Nadine Kalachnikoff, Lars Bolander, Andrea Greeven Douzet, Lori Porter and Renee Steinberg**.

HIFF hopes to bring its special brand of celebrity and cinema to Palm Beach next year during the high season in celebration of its 25th year.

ABOUT THE HAMPTONS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

The Hamptons International Film Festival (HIFF) is a year-round 501(c)3 non-profit organization with events, screenings, film workshops, comprehensive summer programs and an annual film festival each October. The Festival is the premiere film event on New York State's east end, and is an intimate showcase of some of the year's best offerings in contemporary cinema from around the world. With cash and in-kind prizes handed out totaling more than \$200,000, HIFF continues to attract some of the best films of the year. Selections from all of our programs continue to play an important role during awards season. 2015 marked the 6th time in a row a film at the Festival has become the eventual Best Picture winner at the Oscars, making HIFF the only Festival on the East Coast with such a distinction. For more information about the 2016 Hamptons International Film Festival, go to www.hamptonsfilmfest.org. Photos by Patrick McMullan. More photos and higher res available upon request.

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Gigi & Harry Benson with Anne Chaisson



Pamela Fiori & Marzia Precoda

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Renee Steinberg, Peter McCracken & Lori Porter



Pamela O'Connor, Paola Bacchini Rosenshein, Marzia Precoda,
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Mai Harrison Halingby, Andrea Greeven Douzet & Lori Bernstein

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Heather Buchanan, Jeff Gillis & Jordan Overstreet



Jacqueline Weld Drake, Karyn Lamb, and Mitch & Mashi Azmoudeh