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51ST CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL ADDS **SPOTLIGHT** TO LINEUP AS CLOSING NIGHT FILM

*Starring Michael Keaton, Mark Ruffalo, Rachel McAdams, Liev Schreiber,
John Slattery, Brian d'Arcy James, and Stanley Tucci*

(CHICAGO, Oct 6, 2015) - **Spotlight** has been added to the 51st Chicago International Film Festival as its Closing Night selection. One of the Fall's most talked about and anticipated Festival films, **Spotlight** be shown at the 51st Chicago International Film Festival on Thurs, Oct 29, 2015 at 7:00pm at AMC River East (322 E. Illinois St, Chicago). The film is scored by one of this year's Festival's Career Achievement Award recipients, Howard Shore.

Spotlight adds to the list of Oscar contenders screening at the 51st Chicago International Film Festival, which also includes **Carol**, **Brooklyn**, **Where To Invade Next**, and **45 Years**. *The Hollywood Reporter* asks, "Can 'Spotlight' deliver Michael Keaton's first Oscar?"

"'Spotlight' has everything we love about movies — a great cast, an intriguing story, and just the right dose of controversy," says **Founder & Artistic Director Michael Kutza**. "Each year, we make a point to bring films to Chicago that aren't just entertaining, but important and vital works of art. 'Spotlight' is one of those movies."

"We are thrilled to bring the 51st Festival to a close with such a strong film," added **Programming Director Mimi Plauché**.

Spotlight opens in select Chicago theaters on November 6, 2015. See its Chicago Premiere at the 51st Chicago International Film Festival on Thursday, October 29, 2015.

Spotlight

Country: USA

Director: Tom McCarthy

Synopsis: Starring Michael Keaton, Mark Ruffalo, Rachel McAdams, Liev Schreiber, Brian d'Arcy James and Stanley Tucci, **Spotlight** tells the riveting true story of the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Boston Globe* investigation that would rock the city and cause a crisis in one of the world's oldest and most trusted institutions. When the newspaper's tenacious "Spotlight" team of reporters delves into allegations of abuse in the Catholic Church, their year-long investigation uncovers a decades-long cover-up at the highest levels of Boston's religious, legal, and government establishment, touching off a wave of revelations around the world. Directed by Academy

Award-nominee Tom McCarthy, **Spotlight** is a tense investigative dramatic-thriller, tracing the steps to one of the biggest cover-ups in modern times.

Run Time: 128 min

- Screening 1: Thursday, October 29; 7:00pm (EFSPOT)

Tickets for the Closing Night film are \$25. Tickets to the Closing Night party at Chez (247 E Ontario St) are \$40 and include cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Festival Hotline Mon-Fri from 10:00am-6:00pm CST at 312-332-FILM (3456), by visiting our AMC River East Box Office, 322 E Illinois St, 7 days a week from 12:00pm-8:00pm or go to ChicagoFilmFestival.com/tickets.

ABOUT CINEMA/CHICAGO

Cinema/Chicago is a not-for-profit arts and education organization dedicated to encouraging better understanding between cultures and to making a positive contribution to the art form of the moving image. The Chicago International Film Festival is one of the year-round programs presented by Cinema/Chicago, which also include its Television Awards, CineYouth Festival, INTERCOM Competition, International Screenings Program, and Education Program.

Celebrating its 51st anniversary this year, the Chicago International Film Festival is North America's longest-running competitive film festival, running Oct 15-29, 2015 at the AMC River East (322 E. Illinois St, Chicago). Photos and media accreditation may be found at ChicagoFilmFestival.com/press.

This year's Festival slate now includes six World Premieres, 15 North American Premieres, 45 U.S. Premieres, and counting! View the 2015 Festival lineup at ChicagoFilmFestival.com/films. Individual tickets and multi-film passes are now available. The full festival schedule is available at ChicagoFilmFestival.com/schedule.

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