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The Mondavi Center's Focus on Film: "Dog Day Afternoon"

Davis, Calif.—The **Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts**, UC Davis, concludes **Paul Haggis Picks**, the spring segment of the **Focus on Film Series**, with **Sidney Lumet's** master crime drama **"Dog Day Afternoon"** (1975). The screening takes place at **6:30 p.m., Monday, May 18**, in the **Studio Theatre**.

Said **Don Roth**, Mondavi Center executive director, "**Academy Award winner Paul Haggis** will be visiting the Mondavi Center on **May 11** to deliver a lecture entitled **From 'Crash' to the 'Valley of Elah': The Art and Craft of Hollywood**. We asked him to share with us those films that most influenced the way he makes movies. We think his choices make for great viewing and give insights into his filmmaking philosophy, which will make Haggis' talk even more fascinating.

"This month's pick was directed by Sidney Lumet, who still is working and making films about crimes gone awry (2007's 'Before the Devil Knows You're Dead'). Lumet made perhaps the best true crime movie ever with 'Dog Day Afternoon.' Now as then, Lumet has some wry plot surprises up his sleeve, but his great strength is letting a great cast act, and letting his big city settings breathe. Perhaps the first time Al Pacino really lit up the screen, his strong performance is matched with John Cazale (who played Pacino's brother Freddo in the 'Godfather' films) as his partner in crime and by Chris Sarandon as his partner in life. Screenwriter Frank Pierson won an Academy Award for his work."

As Paul Haggis says, "The writing just never disappoints—it's sharp, witty, lacerating and hard to pin down. And director Sidney Lumet shows us exactly why he is one of the masters of American cinema."

Pricing for all Focus on Film events is \$10 for regular tickets and \$5 for students and children. Purchase tickets online at MondaviArts.org, through the Mondavi Center box office at 530-754-2787 or 866-754-2787 (toll-free), or at the door. Accommodations for persons with disabilities are available upon request.

- **Paul Haggis Picks: "Dog Day Afternoon"**
- **Mon., May 18, 6:30 p.m.**
- **Mondavi Center, Studio Theatre**
- **9399 Old Davis Road, Davis, CA 95616 (GPS)**
- **\$10 regular; \$5 students, children**
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