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### Mondavi Center's Focus on Film: "Spellbound"

**Davis, Calif.**—The **Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts, UC Davis**, opens the **Hitchcock** segment of its **Focus on Film Series** with a screening of **"Spellbound"** at **6:30 p.m.** on **Monday, Jan. 5**, in the comfortable intimacy of the **Studio Theatre**.

"Time and again, **Alfred Hitchcock** built films around a hero mistaken for a criminal, usually in a very early scene, who spends the bulk of the film on the hunt for the real perpetrator (who of course framed him)," explains **Don Roth, Mondavi Center executive director**.

In **"Spellbound"** (1945), Hitchcock had a heyday with this theme, presenting a mystery that revolves around **Gregory Peck's** amnesia, a false accusation of murder, and a solution involving the interpretation of dreams depicted in sequences designed by surrealist **Salvador Dali**. "Love and psychiatry, in the form of **Ingrid Bergman**, eventually conquer all," says Roth, "but not before an amazing scene when the real guilty party is revealed."

Nominated for six **Academy Awards**, including **best director** and **best cinematography** (black and white), **"Spellbound"** earned an Oscar for **best musical score**, the work of **Miklós Rózsa**, who composed music for more than 100 films over his long Hollywood career. While enjoying the suspenseful score, don't forget to look for Hitchcock's signature cameo (this time in the first half of the film).

The **Mondavi Center Focus on Film Series** brings timeless art-house films to the Studio Theatre on selected Monday nights throughout the 2008–09 events season. Coming soon in the **Hitchcock** series: **"North by Northwest"** in **January** and **"Strangers on a Train"** in **February**. For details, visit [MondaviArts.org/events](http://MondaviArts.org/events).

**Pricing** for all Focus on Film events is \$10 for regular tickets and \$5 for students and children. Purchase tickets online at [MondaviArts.org](http://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.

- **"Spellbound"**
- **Mon., Jan. 5, 6:30 p.m.**
- **Mondavi Center, Studio Theatre**
- **9399 Old Davis Road, Davis, CA 95616 (GPS)**
- **\$10 regular; \$5 students, children**
- **530-754-2787**  
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