

**JIM GIANOPULOS and TRACY SPYRIDAKOS**

**TO PRESENT LAGFF ORPHEUS AWARDS**

**ON SUNDAY JUNE 8**

*8th Annual Los Angeles Greek Film Festival June 4-8, Egyptian Theatre, Hollywood*

Los Angeles (May 28, 2014) - Chairman and CEO of 20th Century Fox, **Jim Gianopoulos** and actress **Tracey Spyridakos** ("Revolution") have been added as Orpheus Awards presenters at the Los Angeles Greek Film Festival Closing Night Gala on Sunday, June 8. The Awards will be hosted by **Christos Vasilopoulos** ("Banshee") and newcomer **Chrissa Loukas**.

As previously announced this year's honorees will be acclaimed producers **Anthony Katagas** ("12 Years a Slave") and **Steve Nicolaides** ("When Harry Met Sally"). Actor/Comedian **Angelo Tsarouchas** will also be on hand to present.

Named for the legendary Greek poet and "father of songs", the Orpheus Award is the Los Angeles Greek Film Festival's annual prize intended to honor the best in Greek and Greek inspired cinema. Since the Festival's inception in 2007 the awards night has become an integral event serving to highlight the art and artists who are changing the way we think about film.

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**ABOUT LAGFF** the Los Angeles Greek Film Festival showcases new films from Greek filmmakers worldwide. Our foremost goal is to promote Greek cinema and cultural exchange while bridging the gap between Greek filmmakers and Hollywood. Orpheus Awards are given to the most outstanding new films in the dramatic, documentary and short film categories.

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### **Editor Notes:**

**Chairman and CEO of 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox, Jim Gianopulos** is one of the longest tenured studio heads in the entertainment industry and is considered one of its most successful executives. While at Fox he has overseen a broad range of successful films

and the studio's most profitable years ever. Mr. Gianopulos manages all feature film production marketing and distribution worldwide. During his tenure the studio's successes have included *Life of Pi*, the *Ice Age* series, the *X-Men* series, *Night at the Museum*, *Taken*, the *Star Wars Trilogy*, *The Day After Tomorrow*, *Mr. & Mrs. Smith*, and *Minority Report*; as well as such critical triumphs as *The Descendants*, *Black Swan*, and the Oscar-winning *Slumdog Millionaire*, among many others. Mr. Gianopulos also has the unique distinction of having championed two of the biggest gambles, and the two highest grossing films of all time: *Avatar* and *Titanic*. He has been involved in the entertainment industry for more than 30 years.

**Tracy Spiridakos** is quickly becoming one of Hollywood's most sought after and engaging young actresses. She recently starred on the NBC series REVOLUTION (JJ Abrams's series, LOST creator) in the role of "Charlie," the female lead, opposite Billy Burke. REVOLUTION is set in a post-apocalyptic future when all electrical devices have stopped functioning and the United States is controlled by rival militias.

No stranger to the small screen, Tracy's other notable television credits include: HELLCATS, PSYCH, FAST TIMES, THE BIONIC WOMAN, ALIENS IN AMERICA, & SUPERNATURAL.

Her film credits consist of: KILL FOR ME, THE NEW GIRL, RISE OF THE PLANETS OF THE APES, and THE BOY SHE MET ONLINE.

**Anthony Katagas**-Anthony Katagas is one of the most prolific producers working in American independent film. Winner of the Academy Award for Best Picture for his role in producing *12 Years a Slave*, he has produced over 30 films in the last twelve years and worked with a variety of innovative and award-winning filmmakers, including John Hillcoat, Steve McQueen, Andrew Dominik, Paul Haggis, Brad Pitt, John Singleton, Wes Craven, James Gray, Vadim Perelman, Lasse Hallstrom, Ben Younger, Nanette Burstein, Deny Arcand, and Sofia Coppola.

**Steve Nicolaidis** - Starting from the ground up, he worked in Saturday morning kids programming, gradually gaining experience to become a member of the DGA as a production manager. As such, he managed nearly twenty movies-of-the-week, including Emmy-nominated films "Roe v. Wade", "Berlin Tunnel 21", "Will There Really Be a Morning", "The Ordeal of Patty Hearst", and "Alcatraz: The Whole Shocking Story".!! In 1984 he met director Rob Reiner and began a working relationship that included the films "The Sure Thing", "Stand By Me", "The Princess Bride", "When Harry Met Sally", "Misery", and "A Few Good Men". !! In 1991 he produced John Singleton's Academy Award-nominated "Boyz N The Hood", and went on to work with John on "Poetic Justice" and "Shaft".!! Throughout the nineties and the 2000s he produced a number of box-office and critical successes, including "The Forgotten", "The School of Rock", "Nacho Libre", "Buddy", "Little Big League", "The Deep End of the Ocean", and finally "Beverly Hills Chihuahua."!