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### HAPPENING LAGFF CLOSING

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Los Angeles -- The countdown begins today for the closing of the 2014 Los Angeles Greek Film Festival. The memories, the experiences, the joys and hopes are as of tomorrow become the anticipation toward 2015.

A few personal thoughts I would like to share. Festivals such as these regardless of size are the incubator of the talent and skill needed in this very highly competitive industry. Although the honorees have a plethora of credit and body of work please keep in mind it is not what you have done but what you are doing that makes the most impact.

That is not to say we don't pay respect and honor those who have made a very successful career in this highly exposed industry that we call "the movies". One can learn and one can experience the joy and struggle it took these fine men and woman to reach the status that we all aspire to some day come into our own.

Yet having said this, to come into your own is not to compare nor contrast yourself to and from others, but to respect and accept with gratitude where you are, and to know this you have come into your own by being in your own. The accolades come and go but the respect you garner especially to yourself and the appreciation and gratification you accept and respect will always be with you.

So for those of you regardless of your years be it in your youth, middle years or senior years never lose sight of your dream and your full potential. For events like these are only moments and sweet moments that help us on the road toward our success. They are part of our affirmation.

Praise those who are being honored. Praise yourself for honoring them and learn from all but especially learn from yourself. The doors are wide open. They never close. It is us who determine and decide whether to enter or exit.

Hope to see you tonight and the closing ceremony of the LAGFF in the courtyard of the Egyptian Theater on Hollywood Boulevard, where else but in HOLLYWOOD!