

The 25th Annual Boston Film Festival



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Uma Thurman Will Receive Film Excellence Award at 2009 Boston Film Festival

Boston, MA—The Boston Film Festival announced today the recipient of this year's Film Excellence Award will be Oscar and Golden Globe-nominated Actress Uma Thurman. Her film, "Motherhood" will open the Festival's 25th program on Friday September 18, 2009 at the Landmark Kendall Square Theatre. The Boston-born actress began her career at an early age when she moved to New York from Amherst where her father worked at Amherst College.



Thurman has an extensive repertoire of critically acclaimed as well as commercially successful movies including the cult hits, "Kill Bill Vol.I and II," "Batman & Robin," and "Prime," plus the musical "The Producers." Her compelling performances have been lauded with award nominations including an Oscar nod for her supporting role in "Pulp Fiction," in addition to numerous BAFTA, Golden Globe and People's Choice Awards. Thurman also co-starred with Boston native actor Ben Affleck in "Paycheck."

A poignant comedy set in Manhattan, "Motherhood" takes place over the course of a single day as Eliza (Uma Thurman) looks after her two young children while struggling to hang on to her identity as an aspiring writer. The film also stars Minnie Driver and Anthony Edwards. Writer director is Katherine Dieckmann and the producers are Rachel Cohen, Jana Edelbaum, Pamela Koffler, Christine Vachon, and John Wells. The movie will be released in theatres this October.

Executive Director of the 25th BFF Robin Dawson said, "The committee is delighted to honor Uma for her extraordinary film career. It is a wonderful opportunity for the audience to share in the filmmaking process firsthand with one of America's most accomplished actress." The film is a collaboration of Killer Films and Ideal Partners. "Uma has entertained audiences around the globe in varied performances and has become an inspiration to women. This movie will resonate with mothers and families alike while supplying some welcome comedic relief," Dawson continued.

The 25th Boston Film Festival celebrates a landmark year with a distinct program of films that includes features films, documentaries and shorts. The schedule will be released on Friday, September 4 and posted on the festival website www.bostonfilmfestival.org. A variety of awards are presented annually, including Best Film, Best Director, Best Male and Female Performance, Best Documentary, Best Cinematography, Best Emerging Director and recognition for Film Excellence. New categories have been added to laud productions that influence green industry living in addition to the unique "Mass Impact Award" given to a filmmaker whose movie illuminates a social issue that positively affects humanity. The Boston Film Festival is dedicated to supporting evolving filmmakers by providing a forum to showcase their artistic vision.