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**FILM COMMISSION'S "THE BIG NIGHT GALA"
TO CELEBRATE ACADEMY AWARDS® SUNDAY, FEB. 24, 2008**

A Benefit for the non-profit Monterey County Film Commission

The Monterey County Film Commission will hold its 18th annual "The Big Night Gala"--a celebration of Hollywood's 80th Academy Awards® presentation--on Sunday, Feb. 24, 2008 at the Inn at Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach. The event is a benefit for the non-profit film commission, and honors outstanding film achievements in an elegant setting.

The film commission's local gala will feature a big-screen telecast of the Academy Awards® presentation, a four-course dinner and wine, plus a silent auction benefiting the nonprofit organization. Guests will be given special ballots and will try to win prizes by guessing which films and actors will win Oscars®. The black-tie optional event begins at 5 p.m. with a red carpet arrival just as the Hollywood version is seen on the broadcast.

The evening's master of ceremonies will be KSBW-TV news anchor Dan Green.

For more information see www.FilmMonterey.org.

This year's event sponsors include Jeff A. Fortin with NESTech Management Group, Inc., (Super Star level and Walk of Fame donor). Additional Walk of Fame contributors are Joanne Gimbel, Nader Agha with Holman Antique Plaza, and Eric and Teresa Del Piero.

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