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Tickets Are Now On Sale for the 2nd Annual REEL Recovery Film Festival & Symposium - San Francisco Bay Area Edition

Alcohol Justice and Writers In Treatment Present Four-Day Event June 11-14, 2015

SAN FRANCISCO, May 14, 2015 -- San Rafael-based Alcohol Justice and Studio City-based Writers In Treatment announced today that tickets are now available for the 2nd Annual REEL Recovery Film Festival & Symposium - San Francisco Bay Area Edition. The four-day health and wellness event celebrates film, the arts, writing and creativity about addiction, alcoholism, behavioral disorders, treatment and recovery.

The festival will present 18 select feature-length and short, fictional and factual alcohol and drug addiction themed films in 14 sessions at two locations - the New People Cinema on Post St. in San Francisco, and the Smith Rafael Film Center in San Rafael. The program includes one world premiere and four Bay Area premieres that highlight addiction and substance misuse as well as the hope and opportunity for recovery. There will be expert panel discussions following most of the screenings.

Alcohol Justice and Writers In Treatment are producing the event with generous support from the San Francisco Sheriff's Department, Duffy's Napa Valley Rehab, Center Point, Inc., West America Bank, Kaiser Permanente Community Benefits Programs - Marin/Sonoma Area, Marin County Mental Health Substance Use Services, Ghilotti Construction Company, KRON-TV, the Michael Basso Foundation, Muir Wood Adolescent and Family Services, KPOO-FM, North Bay Recovery Center, Hotel Kabuki, Book Passage Book Store, and many Bay Area individuals and families.

The festival opens at the New People Cinema on Thursday, June 11, 2015, with the premiere of a true story, **Girl on the Edge**, starring Peter Coyote. The film follows the journey of a young girl struggling with the aftermath of a horrific trauma, the toll that it takes on her family and the last chance she has to overcome it in the most unlikely of places. A post-screening Q&A will take place with Producer/Director Jay Silverman, and actors Taylor Spreitler and Mackenzie Phillips. Immediately following there will be a VIP Reception at the Hotel Kabuki with live music by singer/songwriter Elizabeth Edwards.

"The REEL Recovery Film Festival helps to bring alcoholism and addiction out of the closet," stated Michael Scippa, festival director. "Our goal is to reduce the stigma, and raise public awareness that it is not a moral failing but a devastating disease that, like other potentially fatal diseases, requires specialized treatment."

Tickets are available exclusively through <u>BrownPaperTickets.com</u>. For more information about the festival and to view a PSA featuring Michael Pritchard go to: <u>FilmFestSFBay.org</u>