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*"Bahamas **INTERNATIONAL** Film Festival Day" in Philadelphia*

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as part of the Urban Suburban Film Festival

PHILADELPHIA, PA – While most people think of escaping to the Caribbean, filmmakers and fans will flock to Philadelphia this June for the first-ever **"Bahamas International Film Festival (BIFF) Day"** on Sunday, June 26, 2011, during the 2011 edition of the **Urban Suburban Film Festival (USFF)**.

The unique collaboration between the two international film festivals will feature select USFF screenings of outstanding film selections from Bahamian Film Makers in addition to the chance to discover and discuss more about the films, and the craft of international film production with some of the artists, and producers from the Caribbean Island. Fans who are inspired by the special selection of films and filmmakers will also be able to get information about the 2011 Bahamas International Film Festival, along with general island tourism information right on site.

"Our mission at USFF has been ensuring that filmmakers, regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or background have a chance to showcase their stories" said George Clifford Blackmon, USFF Co-Founder & CEO "The Urban Suburban Film Festival is pleased to welcome the Bahamas International Film Festival and the island's filmmakers to the City of Brotherly Love, Sisterly Affection, and Producer Perfection".

"We are grateful to have this opportunity to highlight the 2010 BIFF Films at USFF. Our collaboration will be memorable as we bring the stories of the Bahamas to the world", says Leslie Vanderpool, Founder and Executive Director of **The Bahamas International Film Festival (BIFF)**. In addition to offering films that might not otherwise be released theatrically in The Bahamas, BIFF provides a unique set of programs and forums for exploring the past, present, and future of cinema. BIFF will hold its eighth festival in 2011, from December 1-4. More information about BIFF is available at www.bintfilmfest.com

Returning for its third edition, the **Urban Suburban Film Festival (USFF)** will be held from Friday, June 24 through Sunday, June 26, 2011. The event will be headquartered at the Crowne Plaza Philadelphia West Hotel, at 4010 City Avenue, Philadelphia, PA. Events for Bahamas Film Festival Day and all Urban Suburban Film Festival events are open to the public. Tickets can be purchased beginning April 1, 2011 at urbansuburbanfilmfestival.com.

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