

**PALM BEACH INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL**  
**FILM SELECTED AS OFFICIAL OSCAR SUBMISSION**

*BOCA RATON, FL* – “Goodbye Mothers” has been selected as Morocco’s representative in the Academy Award’s® Foreign-Language Film Category. The film made it’s one and only U.S. screening at the 2008 Palm Beach International Film Festival.

“Goodbye Mothers” screened as part of a special program, “Visions of Morocco” developed by PBIFF to give the community a chance to see cinema and culture through the eyes of these Moroccan filmmakers. The film directed by Mohamed Ismail takes place in 1960 Morocco during the Jewish exodus and follows the stories of two families, one Jewish and the other Muslim. Two of the film’s stars, Marc Samuel and Tarik Mounim traveled to Palm Beach to support the film and attend the various festival events.

“The festival makes it possible to bring films like this to Palm Beach County giving the community a unique, cultural experience and perspective that would otherwise go unseen.” noted Palm Beach International Film Festival Executive Director, Randi Emerman.

The Palm Beach International Film Festival is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization supporting film programs in local schools and dedicated to making a difference in the lives of future filmmakers. The 2009 festival will be held April 23-30. For more information, please call (561) 362-0003 or visit the festival website, [www.pbifilmfest.org](http://www.pbifilmfest.org).