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**MICKEY ROONEY TO RECEIVE LEGEND AWARD**

**AT THE 13<sup>th</sup> PALM BEACH INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL**

BOCA RATON, FL– The Palm Beach International Film Festival (PBIFF) will honor **Mickey Rooney** with the *Legend In Film Award* at the 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the fest, which runs April 10-17, 2008, it was announced today by PBIFF director Randi Emerman. The award will be presented at a black-tie Awards Gala on Saturday, April 12, at the Boca Raton Resort & Club.

“Mickey Rooney’s contribution to the world of entertainment is limitless,” commented Emerman. “His commitment to the community of Hollywood is cherished and held in the highest regard. We are delighted to honor him with the *Legend in Film Award*, as he serves as an inspiration for his dedication.”

Mickey Rooney began his career at the ripe old age of 4 years old with his film debut as a midget in the movie *Not To Be Trusted*. After working steadily for some years in a comic strip series *Mickey McGuire*, he was discovered by David O. Selznick which led to a long-term contract with MGM. He went on to make such classics as *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*, *Boy’s Town*, *Babes in Arms*, *National Velvet* and the hit *Andy Hardy* series and has starred opposite such leading ladies as Lana Turner, Anne Rutherford and Judy Garland. Rooney has over 200 films under his belt and has earned such accolades as an Honorary Oscar for Lifetime Achievement, a special Juvenile Oscar, five Oscar nominations, one Emmy Award, five Emmy nominations and two Golden Globe Awards. He continues to work today, including the recent hit comedy, *Night at the Museum*.

The Palm Beach International Film Festival (PBIFF) is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization supporting film programs in local schools. Founded in 1996, PBIFF has emerged as a major cultural venue for the community as well as a productive fundraiser for film and TV Education. Each year it introduces filmmakers worldwide to the area's unique resources, while celebrating the history and future of the film industry with seven days of world premieres, special events, seminars, feature films, short films and documentaries. For more information, please call (561) 362-0003 or visit the festival web site at [www.pbifilmfest.org](http://www.pbifilmfest.org).

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