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**“LEAVES OF THE TREE” TO WORLD PREMIERE AT THE SONOMA  
INTERNATIONAL FIM FESTIVAL**

*Starring Eric Roberts, Sean Young, Armand Assante, Federico Castelluccio, Kresh Novakovic, Marisa Brown, Gaetano Sciortino and Colin Walker*

**(LOS ANGELES, CA – March 26, 2015)** Director Ante Novakovic’s “Leaves of the Tree” will have its World Premiere screening today at 5:00pm the Sonoma International Film Festival. Three of the film’s stars, Marisa Brown, Gaetano Sciortino and Coin Walker will be in attendance along with Executive Producer Rebecca Healey. There will be an encore screening on Saturday, March 29, at 10:00am.

In “Leaves of the Tree,” a mystical tree, shrouded in religious lore, leads a once powerful lawyer sidelined by a life threatening disease, to remote Sicily to discover the secret of the tree’s medicinal leaves. “The Tree” intersects faith, doubt and belief for all those that come into contact with its unique ability to heal. The film, which was shot throughout Italy, including at Castellammare del Golfo, Trapani, Erice and Sicily, features beautiful locations with ruins, castles, olive groves, castles and villages visited by a dying man, portrayed by Eric Roberts. His character struggles to discover the secret of a mystical tree’s healing leaves. The film also stars Sean Young, Armand Assante, Federico Castelluccio, introducing Sarah Sebastiana, with Patrick Gorman, Ozman Sirgood, Tyler Hollinger, and Sewell Whitney.

“Leaves of the Tree” is the feature directorial debut of Ante Novakovic, from a screenplay by Executive Producer/Lead Producer David Healey and Novakovic, based on Healey’s book “Kindness for the Damned: Intrigue, Love, and Redemption in Sicily.” The film, a Gogi Productions LLC production in association with CICI Films, was also executive produced by Rebecca Healey and Marc Jacobson, and produced by Donna McKenna, Joanna Lu, Perla Montemayor, Ante Novakovic, and Kresh Novakovic and co-produced by Claudio Colomba.

After the World Premiere at the Sonoma International Film Festival on Thursday, March 26, “Leaves of the Tree” there will be an encore screening on Sunday, March 29. “Leaves of the Tree” will also screen in Tampa at the Gasparilla International Film Festival on Saturday, March 28 with Armand Assante, Federico Castelluccio, Kresh Novakovic and Director Ante Novakovic in attendance, then on to the WorldFest-Houston International Film Festival for its Texas premiere in the hometown of the Executive Producers, David and Rebecca Healey. With four more festivals over the next two months with more to come, the film is striking a chord with festival programmers. The filmmakers are seeking distribution for the family friendly film.

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Photos, clips, interviews with all the cast and filmmakers are available upon request.