



Karlovy Vary International Film Festival

## **MICHAEL DOUGLAS TO PRESENT NEWLY RESTORED *ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST* AT KARLOVY VARY FILM FESTIVAL**

The Karlovy Vary International Film Festival is proud to screen a newly restored version of Miloš Forman's cinematic landmark ***One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*** as part of this year's "Out of the Past" section. The 1975 classic, which swept the Oscars and earned dozens of international awards, celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. Michael Douglas, one of the film's producers and recipient of the Academy Award for Best Picture, will personally introduce the restored version at a special gala screening. He will be joined by fellow producer Paul Zaentz—nephew of the late Saul Zaentz, who co-produced the film, as well as members of Miloš Forman's family.



Michael Douglas

The screening also honors Karlovy Vary's long-standing ties to *Cuckoo's Nest*. Director Miloš Forman was a loyal supporter of the festival, and he, along with Douglas, Zaentz, and actor Danny DeVito who also starred in the film, are all recipients of the festival's Crystal Globe for Outstanding Artistic Contribution to World Cinema.

"We are truly honored to present *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* on its 50th anniversary," said KVIFF Executive Director Kryštof Mucha. "The presence of Michael Douglas, Paul Zaentz, and the Forman family will make this an unforgettable moment in the festival's history."

Adapted from Ken Kesey's novel, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* follows Randle McMurphy, a rebellious gambler whose defiance of authority challenges the rigid confines of a mental institution. A powerful

parable of freedom versus control, the film marked a turning point in Forman's career and paved the way for his later international successes.



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The film made Oscar history as only the second to win all five major Academy Award categories: Best Picture (Douglas and Zaentz), Best Director (Forman), Best Actor (Jack Nicholson), Best Actress (Louise Fletcher), and Best Adapted Screenplay (Lawrence Hauben and Bo Goldman).



*One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*

Michael Douglas last visited Karlovy Vary in 1998, when he and Saul Zaentz were honored with the Crystal Globe. Paul Zaentz, who worked closely with Forman on *Amadeus* and *Goya's Ghosts* (2006), also produced acclaimed titles including *The English Patient* (1996) and *The Talented Mr. Ripley* (1999).



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Michael Douglas, Cameron Douglas and Jiří Bartoška at the 1998 KVIFF, credit: Film Servis Festival Karlovy Vary