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28th ANNUAL NANTUCKET FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES TRIBUTE AWARDEES AND SPECIAL GUESTS FOR 2023 EDITION

NICOLE HOLOFCENER TO RECEIVE SCREENWRITERS TRIBUTE AWARD

KEN BURNS AND LYNN NOVICK TO BE HONORED WITH THE SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT IN DOCUMENTARY STORYTELLING AWARD

JENNY HAN TO RECEIVE THE NEW VOICES IN TELEVISION WRITING AWARD

AMANDA SILVER, RICK JAFFA, PATTY JENKINS, REINALDO
JOIN AS FEBRUARY 2023 SCREENWRITER SESSIONS SPECIAL GUESTS

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New York, NY (Dec 13, 2022) – The Nantucket Film Festival (NFF) announced today honorees for the 28th anniversary festival – including Oscar®-nominated screenwriter **Nicole Holofcener** (*ENOUGH SAID, CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE ME, WALKING AND TALKING*) to receive the **Screenwriters Tribute Award**; Oscar®-nominated **Ken Burns** and Emmy-award winner **Lynn Novick** (*U.S. AND THE HOLOCAUST*) awarded with the **Special Achievement in Documentary Storytelling Award**, and **Jenny Han** (*THE SUMMER I TURNED PRETTY*) to receive the **New Voices in Television Writing Award**. The festival in partnership with Almanack Screenwriters also announced its third installment of **Screenwriters Sessions** with special guests **Patty Jenkins** (*MONSTER, WONDER WOMAN*) and screenwriting duo **Amanda Silver** and **Rick Jaffa** (*AVATAR: THE WAY OF THE WATER*). The 28th Annual Nantucket Film Festival will take place on June 21 -26, 2023, with the Screenwriter's Tribute taking place on Saturday, June 24th.

“As we look ahead to 2023, we could not be more thrilled to be able to host and honor such an array of talented screenwriters and storytellers at the festival,” said Mystelle Brabbée, Executive Director of the Nantucket Film Festival. “It is with great pleasure that we are able to highlight and recognize the work of such gifted filmmakers such as Nicole Holofcener, Lynn Novick, Ken Burns and Jenny Han, who have made an impact across the industry and a wide variety of audiences.”

Oscar®-nominated screenwriter **Nicole Holofcener** will be honored with the Screenwriters Tribute Award. She has written and directed films including *FRIENDS WITH MONEY* and *ENOUGH SAID*, starring Julia Louis Dreyfus and James Gandolfini. She was nominated for an Oscar® for her screenplay *CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE ME*, which she co-wrote with Jeff Whitty, and has directed numerous television series including *MRS. FLETCHER*, *ENLIGHTENED*. the upcoming shows *EXTRAPOLATIONS*, starring Eiza Gonzalez, Tobey Maguire, and Forest Whitaker, and *STRAIGHT MAN*, starring Bob Odenkirk, Mireille Enos, and Olivia Scott Welch, both releasing in 2023. Nicole recently co-wrote the screenplay for *THE LAST DUEL* directed by Ridley Scott, and has just

completed her latest movie, *YOU HURT MY FEELINGS*. Previous Screenwriter Tribute Award recipients include: Barry Jenkins, Noah Baumbach, Nancy Meyers, Leslie Dixon, Tom McCarthy, Oliver Stone, David O. Russell, Judd Apatow, Paul Haggis, Aaron Sorkin, and Steve Martin, among others.

NFF will honor Oscar®-nominated filmmaker **Ken Burns** and Emmy-award winning filmmaker **Lynn Novick** with the Special Achievement in Documentary Storytelling Award, to celebrate their remarkable careers and successes within the non-fiction space. As a team, Burns and Novick have created nearly 100 hours of acclaimed programming for PBS, including *THE U.S.* and *THE HOLOCAUST*, *ERNEST HEMINGWAY*, *THE VIETNAM WAR*, *BASEBALL*, *JAZZ*, *FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT*, *THE WAR*, and *PROHIBITION* -- these landmark series have garnered 19 Emmy nominations. Individually, Burns has a storied career, making documentary films for over forty years and has been nominated for sixteen Emmy awards, two Grammy awards and two Oscars. He has directed and produced some of the most acclaimed historical documentaries including, *THE CIVIL WAR*, *THE NATIONAL PARKS: AMERICA'S BEST IDEA*, *THE ROOSEVELTS: AN INTIMATE HISTORY*, and *JACKIE ROBINSON*. Lynn Novick has been making landmark documentary films about American life and culture for more than 30 years including, *FRANK LOYD WRIGHT*, *COLLEGE BEHIND BARS* and *A WORLD OF IDEAS*. As one of the most respected documentary filmmakers and storytellers in America, Novick herself has received Emmy, Peabody and Alfred I. duPont Columbia Awards. Previous recipients of this award include: Ramin Bahrani, Davis Guggenheim, Rory Kennedy, Barbara Kopple, Steve James, Liz Garbus, Morgan Neville, Heidi Ewing and Rachel Grady and more.

The New Voices in Television Writing Award will be presented to *New York Times* best-selling author **Jenny Han**, who wrote *TO ALL THE BOYS I'VE LOVED BEFORE* and *THE SUMMER I TURNED PRETTY*, both which were adapted into projects for TV and film. Within television and film, she has created two new series based on these books—Prime Video's hit series *THE SUMMER I TURNED PRETTY*, which she executive produced and co-showran, and the upcoming *XO, KITTY*, a spinoff of Netflix's global hit trilogy *TO ALL THE BOYS*, which she also executive produced and co-showran. Netflix's *XO, KITTY* will star Anna Cathcart, Choi Min-yeong, Gia Kim, and Peter Thurnwalk. Previous recipients include: Cooper Raiff, Siân Heder, Mike Cahill, Leslye Headland, Michael Arndt, Ben Queen, Lake Bell, Jeremy Jasper, among others.

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ABOUT THE NANTUCKET FILM FESTIVAL

The Nantucket Film Festival was founded by brother and sister team Jonathan and Jill Burkhart in 1996 to promote the cultural awareness and appreciation of the fine art of screenwriting in the world of cinema. Since then, NFF has become one of the world's premier destination film festivals. Visitors come from all over the world to experience new films, unique Signature Programs, and stand out hospitality on a magical island rich with history, a friendly atmosphere, and beautiful sandy beaches. In addition to screening over 100 films across six days in June, NFF presents the Screenwriters Tribute, In Their Shoes...®, our daily Morning Coffee With...®, and other

Signature Programs.

The Nantucket Film Festival is supported by **Bank of America** and **The White Elephant Nantucket Island** as Major Sponsors.

The 28th Annual Nantucket Film Festival will take place on June 21-26, 2023. For further information on the 2023 Nantucket Film Festival, please visit www.nantucketfilmfestival.org.

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