

MEDIA ALERT: June 10, 2010

FIRST WEX DRIVE-IN OF THE SUMMER COMING UP JUNE 17

The fifth annual **Wex Drive-In** series kicks off next Thursday, June 17, outdoors on the Wexner Center Plaza, with Wes Anderson's *The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou*. Hundreds of people attend these popular summertime events. Admission is free.

WHAT: Wex Drive-In, a free outdoor movie

WHERE: Wex Plaza, 15th Avenue and High Street.

WHEN: Thursday, June 17 around dusk (approx. 9 pm).

THE FILM: *The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou*

(2004), starring Bill Murray, Cate Blanchett, Owen Wilson, and Anjelica Huston in this off-kilter comedy-adventure directed by Wes Anderson (119 mins.).

PRE-FILM FESTIVITIES: Free Jeni's Ice Cream and Pam's Market Popcorn; giveaways from the Wexner Center Store; a cash bar serving locally brewed Barley's Ale; vintage trailers just before the film.

ADMISSION: Free.

WHAT TO BRING: Visitors are welcome to bring blankets and lawn chairs.

MARTKET THAT NIGHT: The **Market at 15th & High** farmers' market on the plaza will stay open a little later than usual, and the galleries and store are open until 8 PM that night.

OTHER WEX DRIVE-INS THIS SUMMER: Other movies in the series include the psychological thriller *The Talented Mr. Ripley*, starring Matt Damon, Gwyneth Paltrow, and Jude Law, on July 15; and *Roman Holiday*, the 1953 classic starring Audrey Hepburn and Gregory Peck, on August 19. This summer's Drive-In films—all American movies filmed in Italy—are part of the larger **A Summer Abroad: Cinema italiano** series that also includes primarily Italian classics screened indoors. A full schedule can be found at wexarts.org/fv.

RAIN PLAN: In the event of rain, the movie will be screened on Friday (and if it's still raining, it will be held inside the Wexner Center Film/Video Theater, without the refreshments).

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Above: A scene from last year's Drive-In. Below, Bill Murray in *The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou* (image courtesy of Buena Vista Pictures)

