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## **“THE JAZZMAN” PREMIERES AT THE MONTREAL WORLD FILM FESTIVAL**

**(Toronto, Ontario) – August 20, 2009:** Summer Pictures is proud to announce that **THE JAZZMAN** will premiere at the Montreal World Film Festival as part of the First Features Competition. Written, directed and produced by Josh Koffman, **THE JAZZMAN** stars Michael Ironside (TOP GUN, TOTAL RECALL), Corey Sevier (DECOYS, SMALLVILLE, INSTANT STAR), Laura Vandervoort (V, INTO THE BLUE 2, SMALLVILLE'S SUPERGIRL, CSI), and Corey Lee (INSTANT STAR, Universal Recording Artist "OVALOAD").

The Canadian-made film, **THE JAZZMAN** will screen at the Montreal World Film Festival during its opening weekend at the **Quartier Latin Cinema Complex (350 rue Émery, Montréal): Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:40PM and 7:10PM, Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:40PM and Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM.** For ticket information, please visit the Montreal World Film Festival Web Site - [www ffm-montreal.org](http://www ffm-montreal.org).

The works of renowned Canadian saxophonist, flute player and composer Moe Koffman are at the foreground of **THE JAZZMAN**. Although the story is not based on Moe Koffman's life, Josh Koffman, drew own his own recollections of his grandfather and created a beautiful tale of a rebellious jazz musician. The Jazzman follows the life of John Kadly (Corey Sevier); his early childhood, his youth, his romantic life with Sara (Laura Vandervoort), and the struggles to fulfill his calling as a jazz drummer while living in the shadow of his local jazz legend father (Michael Ironside). The film is set against the backdrop of Moe's Koffman's invoking music.

The much-loved and celebrated Canadian jazz flutist, clarinet player, and saxophonist Moe Koffman had a five-decade career during which he recorded 30 albums and performed for internationally influential audiences such as Princess Margaret, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and the chancellor of West Germany. He was a featured soloist with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, as well as in the bands of jazz legends such as bebop trumpeter Dizzy Gillespie and big band leader Jimmy Dorsey. From 1968-2000, Koffman also played in Canada's most renowned big band, Rob McConnell & the Boss Band. Unique in his ability to play across musical genres, he was a first-call musician for television soundtracks and commercials, and was known for his cool-toned bop music, as well as his inventive jazz interpretations of classical and pop. Moe Koffman became famous for his 1957 hit recording of "Swinging Shepherd Blues," a catchy flute feature. Koffman passed away in 2001 after a long bout with cancer, but the musical legacy he left behind is still enjoyed by lovers of jazz.

Select cast members and director Josh Koffman will attend the opening night gala screening and will be available for interviews.



For more information about The Jazzman, please visit [www.thejazzmanmovie.com](http://www.thejazzmanmovie.com) or visit the Summer Pictures' web site [www.summerpictures.biz](http://www.summerpictures.biz).

**ABOUT SUMMER PICTURES**

Summer Pictures is an award-winning production company specializing in the production of high-quality, artistic feature films. The company was formed in 2001 by founding partners, Tom Strnad and Boris Mojsovski. Tom specializes in producing and editing while Boris captures the invoking stories as cinematographer. For more information including a complete filmography, please visit [www.summerpictures.biz](http://www.summerpictures.biz).

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