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Cinematographer Philippe Rousselot Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

The Big Bear Lake International Film Festival is pleased to announce that the 2009 recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award for Cinematography is Philippe Rousselot. The award will be presented on Friday, September 18th, 2009 at the Big Bear Lake Performing Arts Center.

Rousselot, Cinematographer for the upcoming film *Sherlock Holmes*, boasts an impressive record of films including: *A River Runs through It*, *Interview With a Vampire*, *Hope and Glory*, *The Tailor of Panama*, *Big Fish*, *Henry and June*, *Planet of The Apes*, *Constantine*, and *Charlie and The Chocolate Factory*.

“I saw Philippe’s French film *Diva* my first year in college and have been a fan ever since,” said Film Festival President Ty Warren. “To be able to present him with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his incredible body of work is a true honor. Each year our film festival honors the amazing talents of gifted cinematographers and this year we are thrilled to have one of the best.”

Rousselot was born in Meurthe-et-Moselle France, 1945. He enrolled in the Vaugrirard National Film School in France where he set his viewfinder on cinematography. After graduating, he was involved with the French New Wave movement, and rode the crest into his first cinematographer credit at age 25. Rousselot has won 3 Cesar awards, 2 Oscar nominations, and 1 Academy Award for *A River Runs Through It* (1992).

The Big Bear Lake International Film Festival attracts an average of 5,000 attendees to its scenic location yearly and will be celebrating its 10th anniversary at this year’s event; September 18th – 20th, 2009.

The Festival is screening independent feature length films, student films, shorts, animation and documentaries to showcase emerging film and screenwriting talent.

An all inclusive pass to the Film Festival is \$85. Tickets may also be purchased separately for individual events. Prices vary. Tickets are available online at the festival website bigbearlakefilmfestival.com; Or at the Big Bear Lake Performing Arts Center (PAC) Box Office, 39707 Big Bear Blvd., Big Bear Lake, Calif. 92315; by phone (PAC) 909-866-4970.

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