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**WARNER BROS. PICTURES & THE BUFFALO NIAGARA FILM FESTIVAL
TO HOST SPECIAL ADVANCE SCREENING OF “GRAN TORINO”**

BUFFALO, NY, December 24, 2008 – Warner Bros. Pictures and the Buffalo Niagara Film Festival will host a special advance screening of Clint Eastwood’s latest film “GRAN TORINO” on Tuesday, January 6th at Regal Walden Galleria at 7:00 p.m. Following the screening, a panelist of Buffalo Niagara Film Festival committee members will moderate a lively Q&A with the audience about Clint Eastwood’s legacy as both a film actor and director. Buffalo Niagara Film Festival committee members, volunteers and friends are being invited to attend along with local contest winners.

Multiple Academy Award winner Clint Eastwood stars in the drama “Gran Torino,” marking his first film role since his Oscar-winning film “Million Dollar Baby.” Eastwood stars as an iron-willed and inflexible Korean War veteran, living in a changing world, who is forced by his immigrant neighbors to confront his own long-held prejudices. “Gran Torino” is already receiving critical acclaim and has been nominated for both a Critics’ Choice Award and a Golden Globe.

The Buffalo Niagara Film Festival looks to provide opportunities to the film industry and to the filmmaker, to present and discuss film as an artistic medium, provide the opportunity for audiences to view films not otherwise released commercially, create an awareness of the finer points of filmmaking through seminars and workshops by the international community, and showcase new and emerging talent. The 2009 film festival will be held from May 1st through May 10th.

“Gran Torino” will be distributed worldwide by Warner Bros. Pictures, a Warner Bros. Entertainment Company, and in select territories by Village Roadshow Pictures. “Gran Torino” is currently playing in select cities and will open in Buffalo on Friday, January 9th.

The film has been rated R by the MPAA for “language throughout and some violence.”

For downloadable information and photos from
“Gran Torino,” please visit press.warnerbros.com.

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