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"ARCADIA" <u>THE ACCLAIMED BERLIN FILM FESTIVAL</u> <u>AWARD-WINNING DRAMA</u> <u>AVAILABLE ON DVD and VIDEO ON DEMAND</u> <u>JULY 23rd, 2013</u>

Beautifully crafted and acted drama, starring Academy Award® nominee John Hawkes to be available across North America.

June 18th, 2013 (NY, NY) – Film Movement (<u>www.filmmovement.com</u>), the distributor of award-winning independent and foreign films, announces today that **ARCADIA**, a summertime road film starring Academy Award® nominee John Hawkes, will be released on DVD on <u>July 23rd, 2013 in North America and will also be available via On Demand and iTunes</u>. This debut feature from emerging filmmaker Olivia Silver centers around Tom (Hawkes) and his three children, who set out on a cross-country road trip without their mother, a journey that challenges the family dynamic and tests each of their resolve to find better future on the west coast. The film also stars Ryan Simpkins (*A Single Man*), Ty Simpkins (*Iron Man 3*) and Kendall Toole.

All Film Movement DVD releases include a short film— this month's release is **LITTLE CANYON**, filmmaker Olivia Silver's short film that served as the inspiration for *Arcadia*. The film is 15 minutes in length and provides a unique glimpse into a film's evolution from inception to feature-length execution.

Winner of the Crystal Bear at the Berlin Film Festival, *Arcadia* will be available on DVD at Film Movement (<u>www.filmmovement.com</u>), and also through major retailers such as Amazon.com. The film will be available to stream directly from Film Movement for just \$3.99; online streaming begins July 23rd and can be accessed <u>here</u>. Additionally, Amazon Instant and iTunes will make the film available for rent or download beginning July 23rd.

Accolades for ARCADIA:

"Ms. Silver's ability to ... catch those moments between innocence and knowing, childhood and adulthood, unforgiving and forgiving, makes her someone to watch."

- Manohla Dargis, The New York Times

"...a nicely-honed sense of poignancy...Silver's sensitively written and directed scenario make Artadia feel fresh..." –Christopher Bourne, TwitchFilm.com

Synopsis of ARCADIA:

A coming-of-age story set in a vast, cross-country landscape, *Arcadia* begins when twelve-year-old Greta's (Ryan Simpkins) dad Tom (John Hawkes) wakes her up before dawn and crams her and her two siblings in the family's dented station wagon. They set off on a 3,000 mile journey from the New England woods to the California desert. On the way, Tom tells enchanting stories, paints pictures of a California paradise and assures his kids that Mom will soon join them. Greta believes him at first, mesmerized by the strange new scenery and clinging to her stuff bunny, Harrison. Older sister Caroline (Kendall Toole) nonchalantly accepts his stories, more focused on the boyfriend she's left behind. And nine-year-old Nat (Ty Simpkins), too young to suspect anything awry, is eager to see the epic Grand canyon. But Tom's mood shifts as often as the landscape outside their window, and the kids soon find themselves in increasingly unpleasant – and even dangerous – situations, all while Mom's presence recedes with every mile they travel.

Acclaim for ARCADIA:

WINNER - Crystal Bear at the BERLIN FILM FESTIVAL

WINNER - Best Children's Film at the Oulu International Film Festival

Official Selection - Sarasota Film Festival

Official Selection - Woodstock Film Festival

Official Selection - Indianapolis International Film Festival

Official Selection - Chesapeake Film Festival

Official Selection - Wroclaw American Film Festival

Official Selection – Gijon International Film Festival

ARCADIA | 2012 | Drama | English | 91 minutes | Unrated Additional information, press kit, trailer and film stills can be found <u>here</u>.

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About Film Movement:

Launched in 2003, Film Movement is a full-service North American distributor of award-winning independent and foreign films, based in New York City. Film Movement has released more than 250 feature films and shorts from 50 countries on six continents, including top prize winners from Sundance, Cannes, Venice, Toronto, Berlin, Tribeca and other prestigious festivals. Film Movement releases its films through numerous distribution channels, including thousands of art-house cinemas, universities and libraries; home video (Netflix and Amazon); television outlets (Sundance Channel, HBO, IFC and Showtime); Cable Video on Demand (including its very own branded cable VOD platform—Film Festival on Demand—available in over 40 million US homes); In-flight Entertainment (Alaska Airlines, Air Canada and United/Continental,) and broadband outlets (iTunes, Hulu, Amazon and YouTube). For more information, please visit www.filmmovement.com.

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To request a DVD copy of ARCADIA for review, please contact DVDpress@filmmovement.com.

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