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“THE SECRET LIFE OF WALTER MITTY” WINS THE TRULY MOVING PICTURE AWARD

Ben Stiller adventure/comedy honored for its ability to inspire and engage audiences

(INDIANAPOLIS) – Upcoming Twentieth Century Fox release “The Secret Life of Walter Mitty” has been recognized with the Truly Moving Picture Award by nonprofit arts organization Heartland Truly Moving Pictures.

“Our jury found ‘The Secret Life of Walter Mitty’ to be clever, poignant and surprisingly believable,” said Tim Irwin, Heartland’s artistic director. “Filled with stunning and innovative visuals, ‘Mitty’ pushes the viewer to live in the moment.”

Ben Stiller directs and stars in “The Secret Life of Walter Mitty,” James Thurber’s classic story of a day-dreamer who escapes his anonymous life by disappearing into a world of fantasies filled with heroism, romance and action. When his job along with that of his co-worker (Kristen Wiig) are threatened, Walter takes action in the real world embarking on a global journey that turns into an adventure more extraordinary than anything he could have ever imagined.



Select theatrically-released films that offer more than mere entertainment are honored with the Truly Moving Picture Award: these films inspire, educate and engage audiences and filmmakers alike. Heartland bestows the Truly Moving Picture Award to approximately 15-20 films a year that impact their targeted audiences in a meaningful way. Submissions are received directly from studios and producers for consideration.

“The Secret Life of Walter Mitty” opens in theaters nationwide on December 25. Learn more about the film at WalterMitty.com.

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About Heartland Truly Moving Pictures

Heartland Truly Moving Pictures, a nonprofit arts organization, seeks to inspire filmmakers and audiences through the transformative power of film. Its flagship event, the Heartland Film Festival®, launched in 1991 and runs each October in Indianapolis, screening independent films from around the world. Each year, the Festival awards more than \$125,000 in cash prizes and presents its Festival Awards to the top-judged submissions. Heartland has awarded more than \$2.6 million to support filmmakers during the last 22 years. The organization's Truly Moving Picture Award was created to honor films released theatrically that align with Heartland's mission. By bestowing this award seal to honored films, the award allows studios and distributors to inform audiences of a film's transformative power and appeal. Heartland is also dedicated to cultivating youth, and thus created the Heartland Institute to provide innovative educational and outreach programs that enrich the minds and lives of youth and aspiring filmmakers. Heartland also shares inspiring films year-round in the community through the Heartland Roadshow. For more information, visit TrulyMovingPictures.org.