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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
Minneapolis Jewish Film Festival Presents Pre-release
Screening of Daniel Craig Film, *Defiance*

Minneapolis, Minn... The Sabes Foundation Minneapolis Jewish Film Festival presents a pre-release screening of the upcoming Daniel Craig film, *Defiance* on Wednesday, January 7 at 7 p.m. The screening will take place at the Mann St. Louis Park Theatre, located at 5400 Excelsior Blvd in St. Louis Park. *Defiance* will be released in theaters in Minneapolis on January 16.

Based on an extraordinary true story, *Defiance* is an epic tale of family, honor, vengeance and salvation in World War II. The year is 1941 and the Jews of Eastern Europe are being massacred by the thousands. Managing to escape certain death, three brothers take refuge in the dense surrounding woods they have known since childhood. There they begin their desperate battle against the Nazis. Daniel Craig, Liev Schreiber and Jamie Bell star as brothers who turn a primitive struggle to survive into something far more consequential—a way to avenge the deaths of their loved ones by saving thousands of others.

At first it is all they can do to stay alive. But gradually, as whispers of their daring spread, they begin to attract others—men and women, young and old—willing to risk everything for the sake of even a moment's freedom. Tuvia (CRAIG) is a reluctant leader and his decisions are challenged by his brother, Zus (SCHREIBER) who worries that Tuvia's idealistic plans will doom them all. Asael (BELL) is the youngest—caught between his brothers' fierce rivalry. As a brutal winter descends, they work to create a community, and to keep faith alive when all humanity appeared to be lost.

Seats are limited and priority seating will be given to friends and supporters of the Minneapolis Jewish Film Festival. Please note this film is Rated R for violence and language. View the official movie website for the trailer and more information: <http://www.defiancemovie.com>.

For additional information about the Minneapolis Jewish Film Festival, including sponsorship and volunteer opportunities, please contact Miryam Kabakov at mkabakov@sabesjcc.org or 952.381.3472, or visit www.mplsiff.org

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The Sabes Foundation Minneapolis Jewish Film Festival on March 5–15, 2009, presents the best feature films, documentaries and shorts from around the world on themes of Jewish culture and identity. The film festival is an opportunity to heighten awareness of this diversity to audiences of all backgrounds. Through its eclectic programming of films in different languages, the festival strives to break down stereotypes and racial barriers. It hosts filmmakers from all over the globe, and presents panels, workshops, and a variety of programs as part of the festival's annual programming. For more information, contact Miryam Kabakov at mkabakov@sabesjcc.org or 952.381.3472 or visit www.mplsiff.org.

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