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## SPECIAL SCREENING OF DISNEY-PIXAR'S UPCOMING FEATURE FILM "BRAVE"

Disney•Pixar's upcoming feature film, "Brave," will be showing at an advance screening available only to audiences at the Red Stick International Animation Festival on Sunday, June 10, at 2:00 p.m. at the Manship Theatre.

"Brave" follows the heroic journey of Merida (voice of Kelly Macdonald), a skilled archer and headstrong daughter of King Fergus (voice of Billy Connolly) and Queen Elinor (voice of Emma Thompson). Determined to carve her own path in life, Merida defies an age-old custom sacred to the unruly and uproarious lords of the land: massive Lord MacGuffin (voice of Kevin McKidd), surly Lord Macintosh (voice of Craig Ferguson) and cantankerous Lord Dingwall (voice of Robbie Coltrane). Merida's actions inadvertently unleash chaos and fury in the kingdom, and when she turns to an eccentric Witch (voice of Julie Walters) for help, she is granted an ill-fated wish. The ensuing peril forces Merida to harness all of her skills and resources—including her clever and mischievous triplet brothers—to undo a beastly curse before it's too late, and discover the meaning of true bravery.

Directed by Mark Andrews and Brenda Chapman, and produced by Katherine Sarafian, "Brave" is a grand adventure full of heart, memorable characters and signature Pixar humor that audiences of all ages around the world have come to expect. Based on an original story by Chapman, "Brave" was written by Andrews, Steve Purcell and Chapman & Irene Mecchi. The film takes aim at theaters on June 22, 2012, and will be presented in Disney Digital 3DTM in select theaters. "Brave" is rated PG by the MPAA.

Andrews, who brings a life-long passion for Scotland, Scotlish history and action-adventure films to his role, served as story supervisor on the Oscar®-winning animated features "The Incredibles" and "Ratatouille." In bringing "Brave" to the big screen, Chapman, a long established storyteller with credits including "Beauty and the Beast" and "The Lion King," was inspired by her own relationship with her young daughter, as well as a love of Scotland.

For more information on the film, visit <u>Disney.com/Brave</u> or like the film on Facebook at <u>facebook.com/PixarBrave</u> or follow on Twitter at <u>twitter.com/disneypixar</u>.

For a complete schedule of Red Stick events and more information about the festival, please visit <a href="www.redstickfestival.org">www.redstickfestival.org</a> or like the festival on Facebook: <a href="facebook.com/redstickfestival">facebook.com/redstickfestival</a>.

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