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### ZACH GALIFIANAKIS NAMED SHOWEST COMEDY STAR OF THE YEAR

**GALIFIANAKIS' LATEST COMEDY, *DUE DATE*, FROM WARNER BROS. PICTURES AND LEGENDARY PICTURES TO BE RELEASED ON NOVEMBER 5, 2010**

LOS ANGELES — ShoWest has named Zach Galifianakis Comedy Star of the Year, it was announced today by Robert Sunshine, managing director of ShoWest, which will be held March 15–18, 2010, in Las Vegas. Galifianakis will be presented with the ShoWest Comedy Star of the Year Award at ShoWest's Final Night Banquet and Award Ceremony on Thursday, March 18, at Bally's and Paris Las Vegas.

"Zach Galifianakis has a knack for making audiences laugh till it hurts, through the comedic characters he plays," said Sunshine. "We anticipate that his performance in *Due Date* will be no exception. With equal amounts of charm and humor, and a lot of talent, Zach is one of the funniest actors on the screen today and we are honored to be presenting him with the Comedy Star of the Year Award."

Galifianakis re-teams with *The Hangover* director Todd Phillips in the Warner Bros Pictures and Legendary Pictures film *Due Date*, opening on November 5. It also stars Robert Downey Jr., Michelle Monaghan, Jamie Foxx and Alan Arkin. Downey plays Peter Highman, an expectant first-time father whose wife's due date is a mere five days away. As Peter hurries to catch a flight home from Atlanta to be at her side for the birth, his best intentions go completely awry when a chance encounter with aspiring actor Ethan Tremblay (Galifianakis) forces Peter to hitch a ride with Ethan – on what turns out to be a cross-country road trip that will ultimately destroy several cars, numerous friendships and Peter's last nerve.

After failing his last college course by one point, Galifianakis moved to New York City, where he got his start performing his brand of humor in the back of a hamburger joint in Times Square, graduating to stand-up at night in clubs and coffee houses throughout the city. He got his first acting job on the NBC sitcom "Boston Common" and an eclectic career followed. Galifianakis' breakout moment came in last summer's blockbuster hit *The Hangover*, which quickly became the highest-grossing R-rated comedy of all time. He followed that performance with a starring role in the Jerry Bruckheimer-produced live-action Disney feature *G-Force*, which also debuted at #1 and grossed over \$285 million worldwide. Currently, he can be seen opposite Michael Cera, Steve Buscemi and Ray Liotta in the independent feature *Youth in Revolt*, as well as in a cameo role in the Academy Award®-nominated *Up in the Air*. Galifianakis recently wrapped production on Paramount Pictures' *Dinner for Schmucks*, opposite Steve Carell and Paul Rudd, as well as Focus Features' *It's Kind of a Funny Story*. His other credits include *What Happens in Vegas*, opposite Cameron Diaz and Ashton Kutcher, and *Into the Wild*, from director Sean Penn. On the small screen, Galifianakis is beginning production on Season Two of the HBO comedy *Bored to Death*.

ShoWest is the largest annual convention for the motion picture industry. It is the only international gathering devoted exclusively to the movie business and the single largest international gathering of motion picture professionals and theatre owners in the world. The 2010 edition of ShoWest will be held March 15–18, 2010 at Bally's and Paris Las Vegas and is expected to draw more than 5,000 members of the motion picture industry. Each year, ShoWest attracts delegates from more than 50 countries in North and South America, Europe, Asia and Australia. ShoWest is produced by the Film Group of e5 Global Media. The Film Group also includes ShowEast, CineAsia, Cinema Expo International and Film Journal International. e5 Global Media also produces the Film Group's sister publication, The Hollywood Reporter.

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