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## ATLANTA FILM FESTIVAL PRESENTS SCREENING OF HBO'S "GAME OF THRONES" SEASON 8 PREMIERE

**ATLANTA**, **GA (April 1, 2019)** — Winter is coming to the Atlanta Film Festival (ATLFF), as HBO partners with the annual event to bring the highly-anticipated season premiere of the eighth and final season of "Game of Thrones" to the big screen at the Plaza Theatre. Fans are invited to see the first episode on the final day of ATLFF 2019 as it airs in real time on HBO on Sunday, April 14, 2019 at 9:00 PM.

Based on the popular book series "A Song of Ice and Fire," by George R.R. Martin, this hit Emmy®-winning fantasy series chronicles an epic struggle for power in a vast and violent fantasy kingdom. First premiering in 2011, the eighth season premiere marks the beginning of the end of the series and brings fans one step closer to the long-awaited end of the quest for the Iron Throne.

The special presentation also marks the end of the 11-day festival, celebrating its 43<sup>rd</sup> year this year. In years past, HBO and ATLFF have teamed up to bring "Game of Thrones" fans exclusive fan experiences and special sneak previews of season premiere episodes. At this year's event, your best Westeros costumes are encouraged, but weapons (real or prop) are not permitted.

While the screening is free to the public, following the presentation, the festival wrap party at the Highland Inn Ballroom Lounge is open to festival badge-holders only.

## Presentation of HBO's "Game of Thrones" Season 8 Premiere

**Sunday, April 14, 2019** 

Screening Time: 9:00 PM

Location: The Plaza Theatre (1049 Ponce de Leon Avenue NE, Atlanta, GA 30306)

Cost: FREE with RSVP

**RSVP:** Click <u>HERE</u> to reserve up to two (2) tickets per person

Please note: Tickets do not guarantee entry. This screening will be overbooked to ensure a full

house. Arrive early.

After Party

Time: 10:00 PM

Location: Highland Inn Ballroom Lounge (644 North Highland Avenue Northeast, Atlanta, GA

30306)

Cost: Free for badge-holders

This Special Presentation joins the 2019 film lineup of 31 feature length films, 98 short films and 36 creative media presentations. The 11-day event, taking place from Thursday, April 4 – Sunday, April 14, 2019, will also include Opening and Closing Night Presentations, 13 Marquee screenings, seven Special Presentations and a number of Creative Conference events.

The Atlanta Film Festival is the annual centerpiece of educational and enriching film programming that is provided year-round by parent organization, the Atlanta Film Society. For a full lineup of films or to purchase a festival badge or individual screening ticket, please visit www.AtlantaFilmFestival.com.

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## About the Atlanta Film Festival and Atlanta Film Society

The Atlanta Film Festival, now in its fifth decade, is an Academy Award-qualifying festival and one of the region's largest and longest-running preeminent celebrations of cinema in the Southeast United States. More than 30,000 festival attendees enjoy independent, animated, documentary and short films each year, selected from more than 8,400 submissions from 120 countries. The Atlanta Film Festival is the chief annual operation of the Atlanta Film Society (ATLFS), one of the oldest and largest organizations dedicated to the promotion and education of film in the United States, which enriches the community through screenings, classes, workshops and other events year-round. It is also the most distinguished event in its class, recognized as the 'Best Spring Festival' by Atlanta Journal-Constitution, 'Best Film Festival' by Creative Loafing and Atlanta Magazine, as well as one of the '25 Coolest Film Festivals in the World' by MovieMaker Magazine. Major funding for the Atlanta Film Society is provided by Turner, XFINITY, Delta Airlines, MailChimp and the Fulton County Board of Commissioners through the Fulton County Arts & Culture Department and the National Endowment for the Arts through the Art Works category. <a href="https://www.AtlantaFilmFestival.com">www.AtlantaFilmFestival.com</a>