

CENTERPIECE

THE GREAT NEW WONDERFUL

A FIRST INDEPENDENT PICTURES RELEASE

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2006 – 7:30PM AT THE ARCLIGHT CINEMAS



GALA CELEBRATION
8:00 PM
LACE (Los Angeles
Contemporary Exhibitions)
Gallery / 6522 Hollywood Blvd.
(three blocks NW of the
ArCLight Cinemas)

TICKETS
A limited number of tickets
for the Centerpiece Gala
screening and party are
available to the public.
Advance reservations are
strongly recommended.

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Information) page 77
for more details.



New York magazine calls GREAT NEW WONDERFUL “the best fiction film about post-9/11 life to appear on screens.”

This wonderfully acted ensemble piece stars Maggie Gyllenhaal, Edie Falco, Tony Shalhoub, Olympia Dukakis, Judy Greer and Tom McCarthy in a dramedy about New Yorkers just trying to go about their daily lives in the wake of large-scale disaster.

Director Danny Leiner (HAROLD & KUMAR GO TO WHITE CASTLE) and screenwriter Sam Catlin take a snapshot of the post 9-11 moment in five different New Yorkers’ lives. Maggie Gyllenhaal is a high-end cake decorator who trades career blows with rival Edie Falco. Tony Shalhoub plays a manipulative psychologist while Olympia Dukakis is an elderly woman on Coney Island who comes to realize the emptiness of her marriage. Judy Greer and Tom McCarthy (director of THE STATION AGENT) are the helpless parents of a troubled boy whose principle is played by Stephen Colbert (yes, the “Comedy Central” guy). Bollywood veterans Naseeruddin Shah and Sharat Saxena make appearances as security guards from Queens. This “Who’s Who” even features cameos by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright (ANGELS IN AMERICA) Tony Kushner and fashion maven Tom Ford.

It might seem odd to do a comedy about post-traumatic stress syndrome but, says Leiner, “New Yorkers are funny people.” In fact, the events of 9-11 are never directly mentioned, outside of the moment when bells are rung across the city to mark its first anniversary. There is no reference to planes, attacks or even Michael Moore. Subtly and deftly, the film explores the fragility of life and the lack of control these characters have in the moments they are striving most mightily to bring back order into their ruptured lives.

AFTER THE SCREENING, JOIN US FOR A GALA PARTY, STARTING AT 10:00 PM AT LACE GALLERY, one of LA’s premier visual arts venues, at 6522 Hollywood Blvd. (3 blocks from the ArCLight). Cocktails, music, DJs, and more great wonderful fun than you can imagine. Time to kick up your heels and party the night away!