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CenterStage Presents the Family Movie *Duma*, a Tale of Friendship and Love

On March 11 at 7:30 p.m., CenterStage continues the Independent and International film series with *Duma*, a powerful adventure set in South Africa from the director of *The Black Stallion* and *Fly Away Home*. The story explores the unbreakable bond of friendship between a cheetah named Duma and a courageous young boy named Xan.

Alex Michaletos makes an astonishing big screen debut as Xan, a young boy who faces the true test of love when he must cross the wilds of Southern Africa to return his best friend Duma to his rightful home.

When Xan and his father Peter (Campbell Scott) find an orphaned cheetah cub, they name their new friend Duma (Swahili for cheetah), and he quickly becomes a member of the family. When Duma is almost fully grown, Xan's father tells him it's time to take his friend to his real home before he grows too old to survive in his native habitat. Xan reluctantly agrees, but their plans are put on hold when Peter falls ill and Xan and his mother (Hope Davis) move to Johannesburg.

When Duma escapes and pays a disastrous visit to Xan's school, the two of them must flee the city to keep Duma from being put into captivity. Not knowing where to go, Xan decides to carry out the plan his father had outlined, taking Duma home to a safe and lush place hundreds of miles across South Africa, over the scorching Makgadikgadi Salt Pans, through the Okavango Delta and into the Erongo Mountains.

Before long, Xan is piloting his father's motorcycle with Duma riding shotgun in the sidecar, the wind whipping through his fur, as the two friends speed across the barren desert and into the wildest adventure of both their lives.

The remaining film in the Independent and International Film Series is *Junebug* on May 20.

All films are suitable for ages 18 and older; *Duma* is appropriate for younger audiences as well. Tickets for the Independent Film Series are free, but limited to four per person and must be picked up in person at the Customer Service Desk or the CenterStage Box Office at the Reston Community Center Hunters Woods location from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. every day at the Reston Community Center Information and Service Desk. Box Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Saturday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and two hours prior to curtain times. For season telephone orders, brochures, directions or more information call 703-476-4500, and press option 3. The Reston Community Center makes reasonable accommodations in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Persons with hearing disabilities may make ticket purchases and equipment reservations by calling our TTY number: VA Relay 800-828-1120 (TTY).

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To request this information in an alternate format, call Esther Garcia, 703-476-4500.

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