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DORIS ROBERTS, STAR OF *EVERYBODY LOVES RAYMOND*, TO BE
DERBY GUEST OF LOUISVILLE FILM ARTS INSTITUTE

(Louisville, KY 3/26/09) -- Five time Emmy Award winner Doris Roberts will be in town for the Kentucky Derby as a guest of the Louisville Film Arts Institute. She will attend the Mint Jubilee to benefit the James Graham Brown Cancer Center on Friday night as well as the Kentucky Derby on Saturday in addition to other local appearances.

Roberts is best known for her role as the nosy, insufferable, and manipulative Marie Barone on *Everybody Loves Raymond*. For her work on the series, she was nominated for seven Emmy Awards for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series (won four). She also won an Emmy for a guest role on *St. Elsewhere* as a homeless woman; and was nominated for her role as Marie Krebs on *Remington Steele* and for appearances on ABC sitcom *Perfect Strangers* and PBS special *The Sunset Gang*.

Additional television and film credits include National Lampoon's *Christmas Vacation*, *Alice*, *Barney Miller*, *Full House*, *Soap*, *Step by Step* and *Lizzie McGuire* among others. Roberts received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in 2006.

Conrad Bachmann, Co-Founder of the Louisville Film Arts Institute and five term Governor of the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences which produces the Emmy's, is delighted to confirm Roberts attendance. "Doris is donating her time to come to Louisville for the benefit of the Brown Cancer Center and to help promote the Louisville Film Arts Institute project to launch the 2009 Louisville's International Festival of Films. She is a great friend who understands my hopes, dreams and aspirations for launching the film festival in my home town of Louisville."

Louisville's International Festival of Film will take place October 1 – 4, 2009 at The Kentucky Center. Submissions can be made on withoutabox.com. For more information, visit lfaii.org or louisvillefilm.com

Bachmann noted Roberts is the first of several celebrity guests to confirm her acceptance of his invitation to participate in 2009 Derby activities. "I look forward to announcing the names of several additional Hollywood celebrities over the next couple of weeks. It is always a pleasure to introduce my industry friends to the glamour and excitement of Derby Week in Louisville."

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