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**BRITISH ACADEMY OF FILM AND TELEVISION ARTS LOS ANGELES (BAFTA LOS ANGELES)
TO HONOR HELENA BONHAM CARTER**

**20TH ANNUAL 2011 BAFTA LOS ANGELES BRITANNIA AWARDS
November 30, 2011**

Los Angeles, July 13, 2011 -- The British Academy of Film and Television Arts Los Angeles® (BAFTA Los Angeles) will honor Academy Award® nominated and BAFTA winning actress Helena Bonham Carter with the Britannia Award for British Artist of the Year at the 2011 BAFTA Los Angeles Britannia Awards on Wednesday, November 30 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel.

The Britannia Awards are BAFTA Los Angeles' highest accolade, a celebration of achievements honoring individuals and companies that have dedicated their careers or corporate missions to advancing the entertainment arts.

"Helena Bonham Carter is an actress of immense versatility, and her range across movies of all genres is at once remarkable and fearless," says Nigel Lythgoe, Chairman of BAFTA Los Angeles. "She unwaveringly maintains her integrity and, through her choice of roles, continually challenges both herself and her audiences' perception of her."

Bonham Carter joins the previously announced John Lasseter who will receive the Britannia Award for Worldwide Contribution to Filmed Entertainment, and David Yates who will be honored with the John Schlesinger Britannia Award for Excellence in Directing.

Additional awards which are presented at the annual Britannia evening include the Stanley Kubrick Britannia Award for Excellence in Film and the Charlie Chaplin Award for Excellence in Comedy.

The Britannia Awards are presented annually at a gala dinner, where peers and colleagues celebrate the work and accomplishments of the distinguished honorees. Proceeds from the gala ceremony support BAFTA Los Angeles' ongoing education, scholarship, community outreach and archival projects.

The first Britannia Award was presented to Albert R. "Cubby" Broccoli, pioneer producer of the James Bond films. Since the awards were first created in 1989 Britannia Awards have been given to Michael Caine, Tom Cruise, Robert De Niro, Clint Eastwood, Colin Firth, Tom Hanks, Dustin Hoffman, Anthony Hopkins, the late Stanley Kubrick (in whose name an award is now given), George Lucas, Sean Penn, Steven Spielberg, Martin Scorsese, Dame Elizabeth Taylor, Chris Nolan, Emily Blunt, Sean Penn, Dame Helen Mirren, Kate Winslet and Denzel Washington.

Helena Bonham Carter

Helena Bonham Carter, a two-time Academy Award® nominee, earned her most recent Oscar® nod for her performance in 2010's award-winning, true-life drama "The King's Speech," directed by Tom Hooper. For her portrayal of Elizabeth, the wife of King George VI, she also received Golden Globe and Screen Actors Guild (SAG) Award® nominations, and won BAFTA and British Independent Film Awards. Additionally, the stars of "The King's Speech" won a SAG Award® for Outstanding Motion Picture Cast.

Bonham Carter also recently garnered a Golden Globe nomination and won an Evening Standard British Film Award for Best Actress for her performance as Mrs. Lovett in Tim Burton's 2009 screen adaptation of the Stephen Sondheim musical "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street," opposite Johnny Depp in the title role. In 2010, she reteamed with Burton and Depp for the fantastical adventure hit "Alice in Wonderland," and they are currently reunited on the thriller "Dark Shadows," based on the cult classic television series and slated for release in 2012.

Bonham Carter was honored with her first Oscar® nod, as well as Golden Globe, BAFTA and SAG Award® nominations for her work in the 1997 romantic period drama "The Wings of the Dove," based on the novel by Henry James. Her performance in that film also brought her Best Actress Awards from a number of critics organizations, including the Los Angeles Film Critics, Broadcast Film Critics, National Board of Review and London Film Critics Circle.

She had made her feature film debut in 1986 in the title role of Trevor Nunn's historical biopic "Lady Jane." She had barely wrapped production on that film when director James Ivory offered her the lead in "A Room with a View," based on the book by E.M. Forster. She went on to receive acclaim in two more screen adaptations of Forster novels: Charles Sturridge's "Where Angels Fear to Tread" and James Ivory's "Howard's End," for which she earned her first BAFTA Award nomination.

Bonham Carter's early film work also includes Franco Zeffirelli's "Hamlet," opposite Mel Gibson; "Mary Shelley's Frankenstein," directed by and starring Kenneth Branagh; Woody Allen's "Mighty Aphrodite"; and "Twelfth Night," reuniting her with Trevor Nunn.

She went on to star in David Fincher's "Fight Club," with Brad Pitt and Edward Norton; the Tim Burton-directed films "Big Fish," "Planet of the Apes" and "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory"; and the actioner "Terminator Salvation," directed by McG. In addition, she has starred in such independent features as "Novocaine," "The Heart of Me," "Till Human Voices Wake Us" and "Conversations with Other Women." She also lent her voice to the animated features "Carnivale"; Tim Burton's "Corpse Bride," in the title role; and the Oscar®-winning "Wallace & Gromit in The Curse of the Were-Rabbit."

Bonham Carter's recently starred in "Toast," directed by SJ Clarkson, where she plays Mrs. Potter, the stepmother of renowned food writer and chef Nigel Slater.

In her current film, Bonham Carter plays Death Eater and fanatical Lord Voldemort devotee Bellatrix Lestrange. She originated the role in the 2007 hit "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" and also played Bellatrix in "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" and "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows – Part 1."

On the small screen, Bonham Carter earned both Emmy and Golden Globe Award nominations for her performances in the telefilm "Live from Baghdad" and the miniseries "Merlin," and a Golden Globe nomination for her portrayal of Marina Oswald in the miniseries "Fatal Deception: Mrs. Lee Harvey Oswald." She also starred as Anne Boleyn in the British miniseries "Henry VIII," and as the mother of

seven children, including four autistic sons, in the BBC telefilm “Magnificent 7.” More recently, she starred in the BBC biopic “Enid,” playing renowned children’s storyteller Enid Blyton. Bonham Carter’s stage credits include productions of “The Woman in White,” “The Chalk Garden,” “The House of Bernarda Alba” and “Trelawny of the Wells,” to name a few.

Bonham Carter can be seen next starring as Dr. Julia Hoffman in Tim Burton’s “Dark Shadows,” in theatres May 2012.

BAFTA Los Angeles

The British Academy of Film and Television Arts' outreach programs in Los Angeles benefit members and other professionals working within the entertainment industry, as well as the Los Angeles community at large. The British Academy provides exclusive access to screenings, Q&As with talent and filmmakers, conversations with leading UK-based film and television executives and the Heritage Archive, featuring broadcast-quality interviews with distinguished British members of the film and television industries. Educational outreach for students and the Los Angeles community includes an after-school screening program for inner-city youth at the Helen Keller Park Recreation Center and a recent partnership with FilmAid to mentor young filmmakers. Additional programs include seminars in association with local universities and festivals, scholarships for post-graduate programs and recognizing professional and student talent with awards at film festivals throughout the U.S.

Most recently, BAFTA Los Angeles presented the “BAFTA Brits to Watch” event which was attended by BAFTA’s President, HRH The Duke of Cambridge and HRH The Duchess of Cambridge. The star-studded evening celebrated the incredible depth and range of great British talent emerging in film, television and video games.

Maintaining a long tradition of recognizing the finest filmmaking and television talent, the British Academy hosts a series of social networking events, including the annual Britannia Awards, the Orange British Academy Film Awards Brunch, the Annual Garden Party, the British Comedy Festival & Awards Dinner and the Awards Season Film and Television Tea Parties in January and September. Its members vote annually for the prestigious Orange British Academy Film Awards as well as for the International Program category at the British Academy Television Awards. The annual Britannia Awards are held every November in Los Angeles, where it has previously honored such luminaries as Kirk Douglas, Sean Penn, Robert De Niro, Denzel Washington, Clint Eastwood, Tom Cruise, Tom Hanks, Steven Spielberg, George Lucas, Anthony Hopkins, Helen Mirren, Elizabeth Taylor, Michael Caine and Martin Scorsese with Britannia Awards for Excellence in both film and television.

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