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GRAND CLASSICS™

THE POWER OF FILM TO INSPIRE

GABRIEL BYRNE HOSTED A GRAND CLASSICS SCREENING PRESENTED BY *THE WEEK*

Film Event at Soho House Took Place on Tuesday, June 3rd

New York, NY (June 4, 2008) – Award-winning actor **Gabriel Byrne** hosted a Grand Classics screening of *The Quiet Man* presented by *THE WEEK* and co-sponsored by The Diamond Trading Company at Soho House on Tuesday, June 3rd. Byrne showcased the 1952 film *The Quiet Man* directed by **John Ford** who received an Oscar for Best Director. The movie starred **John Wayne**, best known for his Oscar winning lead performance in 1969's *True Grit* and **Maureen O'Hara** who received a lifetime achievement award in 2004. The evening benefited FilmAid International, a nonprofit organization that uses the power of film to change lives. Guests including designers **Maggie Norris, Alvin Valley**, Project Runway's **Elisa Jimenez** and **Michael Mione** joined actors **Christy Scott Cashman** and **James Ginty** in the White Room in between screenings. Also in attendance were *Movies 101* host **Professor Richard Brown**, **Bobby Zarum, Ann Dexter Jones, Kipton Cronkite, Emma Snowdon Jones, Emma Shilling Law, Mark W. Smith**, models **Jodie and Diane Fanelli, Gigi Stone** and attorney **Salvatore Strazzullo**.

The GRAND CLASSICS film series, launched by **Katrina Pavlos** and **Vanessa Wingate Bowlby** of Indysey Entertainment, features a selection of the world's most renowned filmmakers and actors presenting the films that have most influenced their careers. GRAND CLASSICS originated after September 11th as a way to bring creative minds into lower Manhattan and celebrates the inspiring power of motion pictures. Pavlos and Wingate Bowlby launched the GRAND CLASSICS Films with Style series in 2004, featuring the world's most celebrated designers presenting films that inspired their careers and creations.

GRAND CLASSICS currently showcases films in New York, London, Los Angeles, Aspen, Miami and most recently Istanbul. The screenings feature a selection of the world's most renowned actors, among them **Michael Caine, Jude Law, Meryl Streep, Julianne Moore, Nicole Kidman, Charlize Theron, Tim Robbins, Susan Sarandon, Natalie Portman, Daniel Day-Lewis, Gwyneth Paltrow, Holly Hunter, Julia Stiles, Sigourney Weaver** and many more who present the films that most inspire them.

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