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**INTERCONTINENTAL BOSTON AND TOP MEMBERS OF THE  
MASSACHUSETTS FILM INDUSTRY JOIN FOR AN  
'ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY' PANEL DISCUSSION**



*(from L-R: Richard DeAgazio, Adam McCarthy, Angela Peri, Tim Kirwan, Dorothy Aufiero and Nickolas Paleologos)*

**WHAT:** Tim Kirwan, General Manager of InterContinental Boston, has been leading the charge in accommodating the who's who of Hollywood in Massachusetts. As a longstanding member of the Harvard Club, Mr. Kirwan was asked to participate in Downtown Harvard Club of Boston's "An Evening With..." speaking series. Mr. Kirwan organized a panel of key players in the Massachusetts film industry and hosted a discussion surrounding the entertainment industry in this state with nearly 60 guests in attendance. Each panelist shared stories that occurred on local movies and how their businesses have benefited, and how filming in Massachusetts has benefited the state and thousands of others in tertiary businesses.

Since opening in November 2006, the InterContinental Boston has become a "home away from home" for many celebrities who travel to Boston to film major motion pictures. In addition to the hotel, Massachusetts has benefited immensely from the tax credit that went into effect in 2005 thanks to Governor Mitt Romney and upgraded by Governor Deval Patrick in 2007. Since this occurred, Massachusetts has been a hotbed of film activity. Before the tax credits, 10 major movies were filmed in Massachusetts over 7 years garnering the state \$67 million in revenue. After the tax credit went into effect, 26 major films have been made over the past 3 years generating a total of \$676 million in revenue.

The evening and discussion was hosted by:

**Tim Kirwan – General Manager, InterContinental Boston** – Kirwan is a leading hotelier in New England from more than 30 years. He joined InterContinental Hotels & Resorts in December of 2005 and opened the InterContinental Boston -- the first InterContinental Hotel in Boston and New England -- in November of 2006. InterContinental Boston has been named one of ten "Best New Business Hotels of 2006" by *Forbes.com*, voted Best of Boston 2007 as "Best New Hotel" by *Boston Magazine* and was voted among the "2008 Best Business Hotels" in the world by *Fortune* and *Wallpaper* magazines.

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The panel was made up of the following special guests:

- ◆ **Dorothy Aufiero, Producer** - Currently wrapped as a producer of *The Fighter* based on the life stories of boxing brothers Dicky Eklund and Irish Micky Ward for Paramount Pictures. She is also producing *Depravity*, an original thriller penned by Dennis Lehane, and Line Producing Michael Corrente's *The Prince of Providence*. In her spare time, Aufiero has also built one of the most successful Production Companies on the East coast.
- ◆ **Richard DeAgazio, Actor** - Recently retired President of Boston Capital Securities after 27 years. After a 44 year career in the investment business, he is now consulting with several major national and local companies in marketing, sales and networking. Richard is also pursuing a career in the movies, as a background actor and more recently has been cast in principal roles in movies and television commercials.
- ◆ **Adam McCarthy, Production Supervisor** - McCarthy began working as a location manager in 1996 for feature films and now serves as a Production Supervisor. Amongst his many credits are the Farrelly Brother films *Me, Myself and Irene*, *Shallow Hal*, *Stuck on You* and *Fever Pitch* (all which were partly or entirely shot in New England). Other credits include *Underdog*, *27 Dresses* and *The Proposal*.
- ◆ **Nicholas Paleologos, Executive Director - Massachusetts Film Office** - Amongst his many accomplishments, Paleologos is a two-time Tony Award winning producer, the recipient of an Emmy Award nomination for the HBO film *In the Gloaming* and involvement with feature films such as *Hurlyburly* and *Ghosts of Mississippi*. Prior to his career as a Producer, Paleologos was a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives where he served for 14 years. He was House Chairman of the Committee on Education, Arts and Humanities from 1985 to 1990. From September of 2000 until June of 2009, he was the founder and first producing director of Boston's Stuart Street Playhouse. Since 2007, he has served as the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Film Office.
- ◆ **Angela Peri, Founder/Owner - Boston Casting** - Angela founded Boston Casting in 1991, and since then she has worked on hundreds of local, regional and national projects, from major motion pictures, including *Pink Panther 2*, *The Game Plan*, *Paul Blart: Mall Cop*, *The Proposal* and *Edge of Darkness*, television shows, commercials and corporate industrial features. A member of the prestigious Casting Society of America (CSA), Angela is the recipient of the 2009 Imaginaire Award and is one of the original board members of the MA Production Coalition.

**WHEN:** Event took place on **Tuesday, October 13, 2009**

**WHERE:** Downtown Harvard Club of Boston  
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