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Christian Pertzold's *Phoenix* Will Be Screened as Part of the 2015-2016 Aventura Foreign Film Series

AVENTURA, Fla. – Guided by the superb sixth-time film pairing of director Christian Petzold and leading lady Nina Hoss, audiences will be drawn into *Phoenix*, on Tuesday, February 9 at 7 p.m., part of the 2015-2016 Foreign Film Series at Aventura Arts & Cultural Center. A broody post-World War II melodrama set in Berlin, the film centers on Jewish singer Nelly Lutz (Hoss), who survives a Nazi concentration camp with her face disfigured from a gunshot wound and sets out to find her musician husband Johnny – whom she thinks betrayed her to save his own life. Not knowing she is Nelly when he meets her, Johnny sees a resemblance to his presumed-dead wife and hatches a plot to use her to get to Nelly's family inheritance.

Jordan Mintzer from *The Hollywood Reporter* wrote, "Both a powerful allegory for postwar regeneration and a rich Hitchcockian tale of mistaken identity, Phoenix once again proves that German filmmaker Christian Petzold and his favorite star, Nina Hoss, are clearly one of the best director-actor duos working in movies today."

Shelly Isaacs, founder/programmer and commentator for South Florida's popular Café Cinematheque International programs, will introduce the film and lead a post-screening discussion.

Phoenix, rated PG-13, is presented in German with English subtitles.

Tickets for individual screenings are \$11. All screenings are general admission and the auditorium opens for seating 30 minutes prior to the start time. Other films in the series include *The Dinner* (March 1) and *Living Is Easy with Eyes Closed* (March 29).

Ticketmaster is the only official ticketing service of the Broward Center, Aventura Arts & Cultural Center and affiliated venues. Buy tickets online at <u>aventuracenter.org</u>; by phone at 877-311-7469; in person at Ticketmaster outlets or at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center box office Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. and 90 minutes prior

to each performance. Know who you are buying from when you purchase tickets. We CANNOT PROVIDE REFUNDS OR CUSTOMER SERVICE for tickets purchased from unauthorized sites, brokers or secondary ticket sellers. For Group Sales, please call 954-660-6307.

The Broward Center for the Performing Arts manages the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center, a 14,864-square-foot, 330-seat waterfront complex that hosts performing arts, cultural and educational programming for all ages. The Aventura Arts & Cultural Center is located at 3385 N.E. 188 Street in Aventura. Join the conversation on Twitter at #aventuracenter.

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