



Lacco Ameno (May 3) ♦ Louis J. Horvitz, director of the last seven Oscar telecasts and of an upcoming tribute to legendary actor Robert De Niro, will be honored with a special prize at the first annual Ischia Global Film & Music Fest.

Horvitz also will speak during the festival July 13-18 on innovations in the entertainment industry. He is the king of live event telecasts, directing events ranging from Emmy and other award shows to the halftime entertainment at American professional football's Super Bowl and tributes to icons such as De Niro and actor Tom Hanks. He has directed more than 6,000 hours of programming and won three Emmy awards.

Portions of Horvitz's American Film Institute salute to De Niro will be shown at Ischia. Giancarlo Carriero, president of the International Art Academy of Ischia, said the presence of Horvitz demonstrates the high level of show business players that the worldwide festival is attracting in order to analyze transformations of the industry and the global phenomena of entertainment on the internet and new universal mobile telephones.

The festival will devote substantial time to the relationship between music and cinema as seen through numerous film musicals. Film previews and retrospectives, as well as live performances, discussions and award presentations, also will be featured at the festival.

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