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**Free Screening of Important Film at the
Mondavi Center, UC Davis**

May 11, 2011; Davis, Calif.—**Connie Nielsen, Hollywood Actress and co-star of the Academy Award-winning film *Gladiator***, will be at the **Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts, UC Davis for the U.S premiere screening of the film *Lost in Africa***. The screening will be held in the Vanderhoef Studio Theatre at the Mondavi Center on **Saturday, May 21, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.** Free tickets are available with a reservation by calling 530.754.2787, or online at MondaviArts.org with the promotion code KIBERA.

“I am truly excited about showing *Lost in Africa*,” said Nielsen. “The film humanizes the lives of people in the slums and makes them real to us, not blankly apathetic the way victims are often portrayed in the press and in films. Of that I am really proud.”

The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with Nielsen being interviewed by Steven C. Currall, Dean of the UC Davis Graduate School of Management, followed by the screening at 7 p.m. The evening will conclude with a discussion panel and Q&A moderated by Jim Wunderman of the Bay Area Council that will include Nielsen and other distinguished guests.

When Nielsen was filming *Lost in Africa* she was exposed to the giant slum Kibera, near Nairobi, Kenya, which is filled with hundreds of thousands of people living in squalid conditions. She was moved by the experience and subsequently founded the Human Needs Project to provide assistance to the residents. More information on the Human Needs Project can be found at this website: <http://www.humanneedsproject.org>.

Currall believes that this event will be of great interest to the UC Davis community. “UC Davis has a long-standing commitment to social and economic progress in developing communities around the world,” said Currall. “The film will promote an important dialogue among those who examine economic development, cultural studies and sociology, and matters concerning infrastructure such as water, sanitation, and electricity. We must identify and promote healthy developing communities through improvement plans that are environmentally and economically sustainable.”

Lost in Africa is a Danish film with English subtitles. A trailer of the film can be viewed on YouTube at the following web address: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W-xsb-Q0AJw>.

Danish actress, Connie Nielsen, has been seen in numerous films and TV series including *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit*, *Basic* with John Travolta, *The Ice Harvest* with John Cusack, and *Gladiator* with Russell Crowe. Nielsen currently lives with her husband in Tiburon, north of San Francisco.

Subscriptions are on sale now at 866-754-2787 and at MondaviArts.org.

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