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Dear Friends:

I am delighted to send greetings to all those who have come to enjoy and take part in the *9<sup>th</sup> Annual Woodstock Film Festival*.

The Empire State is home to talented and prolific artists, as well as discerning and discriminating audiences. Indeed, one of our greatest assets is the diversity of the population here in New York and the gifts they share with an art-loving public. Certainly, the Hudson Valley and the Catskill Mountains provide the perfect backdrop for outstanding events which showcase the imaginative concepts of those gifted visionaries, who live, work and visit here.

Now in its ninth season, WFF celebrates the art of filmmaking, while introducing and promoting a broad spectrum of interesting films to a host of fans. This Festival will afford thousands the opportunity to enjoy premieres, concerts, and panel discussions, as well as to interact with acclaimed members of the industry, including executives, anchors, editors, writers and critics, among many others.

The five days of what has become a most celebrated event will be a fiercely independent display of innovative filmmaking abilities with the potential to launch box-office hits, award-winning productions, and notable artistic successes. WFF highlights the work of individualistic and unconstrained filmmakers, while nourishing the dreams of potential filmmakers. I commend all affiliated with the Woodstock Film Festival for this remarkable creative initiative.

With warmest regards, and best wishes for an exciting festival.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David A. Paterson".

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