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**BOOBOO STEWART TO BE HONORED WITH “RISING STAR”  
AWARD AT 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TEMECULA VALLEY  
INTERNATIONAL FILM & MUSIC FESTIVAL**

**Festival is set for September 14-18**

**TEMECULA, CA — September 6, 2011** — If you don't know Booboo, you will soon. Teen star **Booboo Stewart**, 17, grabbed the global spotlight with his role as Seth Clearwater in *THE TWILIGHT SAGA – ECLIPSE* (2100 Best Picture MTV Movie Awards) and reprises his role in the highly anticipated “*The TWILIGHT SAGA – BREAKING DAWN, Parts 1 & 2.*”

Booboo will be honored with the “Rising Star Award” at the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Temecula Valley International Film & Music Festival, Sept. 18 at the Black Tie Awards Gala at the Pechanga Resort & Casino. The Festival runs from Sept. 14-18.

Festival Director Jo Moulton commented, “Mr. Stewart is an extremely gifted young talent. What he has accomplished to date at such a young age is remarkable. We are delighted to present The TVIFF's Rising Star Award to Booboo Stewart.” Past young TVIFF award recipients include Kay Panabaker, Steve Rushton, Lucas Grabeel and Matthew Underwood.

Stewart will be honored along with legendary Film Director **Peter Bogdanovich**, Academy Award nominated Actress **Virginia Madsen**, Hollywood Icon **Connie Stevens**, Writer Producer Director **Oren Peli** of Paranormal Activity fame, legendary Music Producer **Russ Regan**, DVD and Blu Ray Manufacturing Technology pioneer **Erick Hansen** and highly sought after Film Orchestrator and Arranger **Pete Anthony**.

Booboo, a multi-talented actor, singer, dancer, gymnast, model and musician, can be seen opposite **Val Kilmer** in the Indy feature *AMERICAN COWSLIP* and in the family film *SMITTY* with **Mira Sorvino** and **Peter Fonda**. He is currently tackling the dramatic leading role of a teen that suffers from Aspergers Syndrome in the Indy feature *WHITE FROG*.

Recent television appearances include roles on “Good Luck Charlie,” “CSI: Miami” and R.L. Steins “The Haunting Hour.”

Before the “Twilight Saga” movies, Booboo was best known as a member of the Walt Disney Records recording group “T-Squad” and toured with **The Cheetah Girls**, **The Jonas Brothers** and **Miley Cyrus**.

Booboo, born Nils Allen Stewart, Jr., lives in Los Angeles with his parents and sisters. He is a Celebrity Ambassador for **USA Child Help** and the **Muscular Dystrophy Association**. The family volunteers time each Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving feeding the homeless at the Los Angeles Mission.

### **About the Festival**

The 17th annual Temecula Valley International Film & Music Festival takes place Sept. 14-18, 2011 at Ultrastar Tower 10 in the Tower Plaza Shopping Center. The festival is presented by Cinema Entertainment Alliance, a non-profit arts and education organization dedicated to celebrating world cinema and music. In 2010 over 300 filmmakers, musicians, producers, directors, writers, judges, composers, arrangers, agents, publicists, cast and crew participated in the festival, which was attended by more than 18,000 people.

Past TVIFF honorees include Smokey Robinson, Kenny Loggins, Raquel Welch, Dionne Warwick, Carl Reiner, Mary Steenburgen, Michael Madsen, Shirley Jones, Gena Rowlands, Michael York, Hector Elizondo, Ray Charles, Rita Coolidge, William Shatner, Patty Duke, Billy Preston, Earth, Wind & Fire and Louis Gossett, Jr. Additional honorees have included Directors John Badham, Andy Fickman, Jonathan Lynn and Robert Wise, as well as Producer Lucas Foster and Composers Lalo Schiffrin, Christopher Young, John Ottman and John Debney.

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Home of Southern California’s Wine County — with more than 30 award winning wineries — the Temecula Valley offers championship golf courses, hot air balloon rides, relaxing spas, a vibrant Old Town, restaurants, shopping and a wide variety of accommodations, all within an easy drive of anywhere in Southern California. For more information contact the Temecula Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau at [www.temeculacvb.com](http://www.temeculacvb.com).

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