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Dear Vanderbilt Colleague,

Enclosed you will find copies of the fall schedule for the ***International Lens*** film initiative. ***International Lens***, a weekly film series with a global perspective, is hosted by the Office of the Dean of Students. Vanderbilt's faculty, staff, and students represent a wide array of nations and cultures. The goal of ***International Lens*** is to use film screenings as a forum to promote conversation among these diverse constituencies. We believe that through the "lens" of film, we can transcend geographic, ethnic, religious, linguistic, and political boundaries. To this end with your support and assistance, we have created this film series as a catalyst for conversation and greater cross-cultural understanding within our diverse community.

We are honored that you will serve as one of our presenters. Your involvement in the film introductions and post-screening discussions will enhance the cinematic experience. The ***International Lens*** film series is a partnership among the Office of the Dean of Students and academic departments, centers, and programs. This fall, 26 films representing 20 different countries will be presented by 22 Vanderbilt departments.

Please assist us by promoting the series to your students and colleagues. All of the screenings are free and open to the public. The majority of the films will be screened in Sarratt Cinema at 7 p.m. and one film will be shown in The Commons multipurpose room. The series opens Wednesday, September 3 with the screening of *Heavenly Creatures*. Claire Sisco King, Assistant Professor in Communication Studies, will lead the discussion for this film from New Zealand. Event updates and film descriptions are available on the Web site. Visit www.vanderbilt.edu/internationallens for additional information. ***International Lens*** is coordinated by the Office of Arts & Creative Engagement and the Office of International Student & Scholar Services. If you have any questions on the film series, do not hesitate to contact either <joel.logiudice@vanderbilt.edu> or <heather.a.jones@vanderbilt.edu>.

You are invited to meet all the ***International Lens*** faculty and staff participants at the wine & cheese reception on Wednesday, August 27 from 4:30-6 p.m. in room 363 Sarratt Student Center. Come help us celebrate the opening of the fall season.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you at the ***International Lens*** film screenings.

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