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the boys: the sherman brothers' story
**New Documentary About Acclaimed Songwriting Duo Makes Southern California
Debut at 2009 Newport Beach Film Festival**

Film Chronicles the Triumphs and Discord Behind The Most Successful Songwriting Team
in the Field of Family Entertainment

NEWPORT BEACH, Ca. (April 15, 2009) – On Tuesday, April 28 (7:30pm, Fashion Island, Edwards Island Theatres 1), the new film documentary [the boys: the sherman brothers' story](#), makes its Southern California debut at the [2009 Newport Beach Film Festival](#). The film provides an intimate look at the acclaimed songwriting duo of brothers [Richard M. and Robert B. Sherman](#) and chronicles their triumphs and discord over the past 50 years as the most successful musical collaboration in the field of family entertainment.

People the world over have been entertained and enchanted by the music of the Sherman Brothers. The Academy Award®-winning brothers arguably defined family musical entertainment with unforgettable songs like "Chim Chim Cher-ee" and "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" from **Mary Poppins**; "I Wanna Be Like You" from **The Jungle Book** and the score to **Chitty Chitty Bang Bang**. Due to their creative contributions to the Disney Theme Parks around the globe, including penning the song "It's a Small World (After All)," the sun never sets on a Sherman Brothers song.

While both audiences and Walt Disney himself cherished their songs, the boys' personal relationship with each other was far less harmonious. In **the boys: the sherman brothers' story**, a wide array of notable celebrities, professional peers, close friends, family members and the brothers themselves describe the Shermans' eight-decade journey through love and partnership, loyalty and estrangement.

The film was produced and directed by first cousins Gregory and Jeff Sherman (the sons of Richard and Robert Sherman themselves), who upon meeting again for the first time as young adults after years of family estrangement, were moved to do some collaborating of their own and will personally host the screening of the film in Newport Beach. The film opens in Los Angeles, New York City and San Francisco on May 1.

When asked how long it takes to write a song, the Sherman Brothers often say, "It takes your entire life . . . plus the time required to jot it down." The new film showcases their respective intriguing lives (together and apart), told against a backdrop of some of the most popular films of all-time.

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As staff songwriters for Walt Disney and popular hit makers on their own, the Shermans' credits read like a virtual history of the American family musical: **The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh, The Parent Trap, Bedknobs and Broomsticks, The Aristocats, Charlotte's Web**, and many more.

The personal relationship between Richard and Robert, however, is far from child's play. The two became so estranged that their own sons grew up without knowing each other, despite living only a few blocks apart. How the brothers could collaborate so extensively on beloved Oscar-winning soundtracks, most of which defined wholesome family entertainment, and yet have a relationship so volatile they could never bring their own families together, is very much at the heart of this remarkable dissection of creativity, genius and family ties.

the boys: the sherman brothers' story is a unique, yet universal story of two brothers pursuing true passion, battling personal differences and working as a team to, ultimately, succeed beyond their dreams.

- The Sherman Brothers' six-decade collaboration has produced over 50 motion pictures and more than a thousand songs for film, television, records, theme parks and stage.
- The Sherman Brothers have been nominated for 9 Academy Awards® winning twice for "Chim Chim Cher-ee" and the score for **Mary Poppins**. They have been nominated for 5 Golden Globe® Awards as well as 3 Grammys®, winning a Grammy for the score to **Mary Poppins**.
- The Sherman Brothers' numerous film score and song credits include **Mary Poppins, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, The Aristocats, Bedknobs and Broomsticks, Tom Sawyer, The Jungle Book, The Parent Trap, Charlotte's Web, The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh** and **Snoopy Come Home**.
- They also wrote the hit song "You're Sixteen" which twice hit Billboard's Top 10; first in 1960 with Johnny Burnette and all the way to #1 with Ringo Starr in 1974.
- The Shermans wrote the most translated song on earth, "It's a Small World (After All)."
- In a 2008 ceremony at the White House, the Sherman Brothers were awarded the National Medal of Arts, the highest honor the U.S. government bestows on artists.
- Richard Sherman resides in Los Angeles; Robert Sherman lives in London.

About Newport Beach Film Festival

The Newport Beach Film Festival celebrates its 10th anniversary in 2009 by being one of the top 20 film festivals in the United States. Presenting over 450 films from 37 countries, the Festival has featured many acclaimed films, including the U.S. premiere of the 2005 Academy Award® Best Picture winner "Crash." With its coastal location and warm weather, strong corporate sponsors, nightly events, music performances and industry seminars, the Festival has gained recognition among filmmakers and audiences worldwide. For ticket and hotel information please visit: www.newportbeachfilmfest.com.

About Newport Beach

Known for its picturesque views of the Pacific and one of the world's largest small yacht harbors, Newport Beach is a chic seaside community located on southern California's Orange County coastline between Los Angeles and San Diego. The city is acclaimed for its beaches, mild year-round weather, boating/yachting community, sophisticated atmosphere, international film festival, three annual epicurean festivals and the oldest holiday boat parade in the nation. Newport Beach was named "One of the top ten resort towns in the U.S" by AOL Travel in 2008. For additional travel information, please call (800) 94-COAST or visit us online at www.visitnewportbeach.com.

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