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**IN THE LIFE MEDIA TO HONOR EMMY AWARD-WINNING ACTRESS
PATRICIA CLARKSON AND NAACP CHAIRMAN JULIAN BOND AT ITS
SEASON PREMIER GALA**



New York, NY, September 2, 2009--In The Life Media proudly announces its 2009 Pioneer Award recipient NAACP Chairman and tireless civil rights advocate, Julian Bond, and 2009 Producing Change Award recipient Emmy Award-winning, Academy Award-nominated actress Patricia Clarkson. Both will be honored at this year's Season Premiere Gala being held at The Rubin Museum of Art (RMA), October 15, 2009 at 7pm.

This year's honorees, Bond and Clarkson, are outspoken advocates for LGBT equality-- influencing the national dialogue on gender, sexuality and class, and embody ITLM's mission to produce change for the LGBT community.

"As in all fights for social justice, the movement for LGBT civil rights benefits when its allies are, themselves, emblematic of the world we seek to create," said ITLM Executive Director Michelle Kristel. "I am ecstatic that at this, our second annual Season Premiere Gala, we will have the honor of recognizing two such individuals."

Highlights of the evening will also include a sneak-peak of IN THE LIFE's upcoming 18th television season, the unveiling of In The Life Media's new Strategic Plan, and a VIP "End Credits" reception.

For tickets and information, go to: www.inthelifetv.org/gala2009 or call (212) 255-6012 x305.

About In The Life Media

In The Life Media provides information about the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender communities, documents the ongoing LGBT civil rights movement, and produces diverse images of the LGBT community to create better understanding and acceptance.

About IN THE LIFE

Produced by In The Life Media, IN THE LIFE is the longest running television show documenting the gay experience. IN THE LIFE is a three-time Emmy Award nominee, a Lambda Legal Liberty Award honoree, and the recipient of the Courage Award from the New York City Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project. In 2009, IN THE LIFE received a GLAAD Media Award for “Outstanding TV Journalism-News magazine.”

About Julian Bond

From his early years as a Morehouse College student activist and organizer at the height of Civil Rights unrest, to his eleven-year tenure as the Chairman of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Julian Bond has played a key role in shaping contemporary American history. A founder of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), former Georgia Assemblyman, journalist, poet, actor, and University of Virginia professor, Mr. Bond was named a “Living Legend” by the Library of Congress in 2008 in recognition of the many hats he wears. Bond has lent his voice and passion to a wide range of social causes throughout his life and career—most recently as Co-Chair of the NAACP’s new LGBT Equality Task Force.

About Patricia Clarkson

Patricia Clarkson is among the most respected and sought-after actresses working today. With nominations for such coveted honors as the Academy Award, the Golden Globe, the Screen Actor’s Guild Award, and two Emmy Award wins already to her credit, Ms. Clarkson continues to take on roles as varied as the platform in which she plays them and bring an innovative approach to each new project. Woody Allen, Brian De Palma, Penelope Cruz, and Pierce Brosnan are just a few of the luminaries Ms. Clarkson has worked alongside, and early next year, she will appear in Martin Scorsese’s highly anticipated “Shutter Island” co-starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Sir Ben Kingsley. A passionate and outspoken advocate for LGBT equality, Ms. Clarkson recently posed a challenge to all Americans to stand up for gay rights, and once and for all, “call an injustice, an injustice.”

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