



PRESS RELEASE

Bond is back at BFI Southbank

James Bond producer, Albert R 'Cubby' Broccoli, centenary celebrations

As *Quantum of Solace* hits screens across the UK this weekend the BFI is excited to announce a very special season of films and events to celebrate the legacy of **Albert R 'Cubby' Broccoli** – the man who brought Bond to the big screen.

Broccoli first made his name as assistant director to **Howard Hawks** on *The Outlaw* in 1940. From then on he became one of Twentieth Century Fox's top ADs, going on to co-found the successful independent company Warwick Productions, before meeting Harry Saltzman and forming Eon productions and Danjaq SA to make *DR NO* (1962). This launched James Bond onto the big screen and the series has grown to be the most successful in film history, and made Broccoli a household name. When Saltzman sold his shares of Eon/Danjaq to United Artists Broccoli became sole producer of the Bond films and his legacy lives on thanks to his family who maintain his vision of 007 in the making of the films.

To celebrate this legacy, and the impact of the franchise on film culture, **BFI Southbank** will launch a dazzling retrospective of Broccoli's work in April 2009. We will start with an evening of glamour and action when we will transform our main foyer into a glamorous casino – royale style. Bond films may be seen as they were originally intended, on the big screen, and all James Bonds will be remembered – a few will even delight us with tales of their turn as the infamous agent.

The style, soundtracks and look of Bond will be seen and heard in a number of enlightening events and there will, of course, be a BFI Weekender to entice anyone along for a shaken not stirred weekend of merriment. There will even be events for younger Bond fans and a Family Funday (did you know that Broccoli brought us that childhood classic *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* (1968)?).

And this is just the beginning of our mission...

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The benugo bar & kitchen

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Booking information

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