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The Vilcek Foundation Celebrates *LOST*

Dates: May 20 – June 5, 2010

Location: 167 East 73rd Street, New York, NY 10021

Hours: Tuesday–Sunday, 12–6 PM and by appointment

Opening: May 19, 2010, 6–9 PM (Invitation Only)

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The Vilcek Foundation Showcases the International Artists and Filmmakers of ABC's Hit Show *Exhibit Opens May 20, 2010, at the Vilcek Foundation Gallery*

New York, April 29, 2010 -- Just three days before the world-wide television phenomenon *LOST* wraps up its final season, the Vilcek Foundation will open for public view a premiere exhibition celebrating the international creative talent, both in front of and behind the camera, that have contributed to the unbridled success of this show during its six-year run.

The exhibit, presented in collaboration with the ABC Television Network and open for two weeks only at the Vilcek Foundation Gallery in New York City, will feature images and biographical profiles of immigrant and first-generation American members of the *LOST* cast and crew, working across all departments of the production team, from acting and costume design, to editing and lighting.

"It is thrilling to highlight an aspect of this popular show that is so often overlooked by the public eye," said Executive Director Rick Kinsel, speaking of the pivotal role played by the diverse members of *LOST*'s creative team. "*LOST* provides an ideal forum for reminding us all that the work of immigrants touches our lives in myriad positive ways, every day, often without our knowing or realizing."

LOST premiered in 2004 and quickly became a global phenomenon, airing in more than 228 territories across the globe. The show's premise, about a flight from Sydney to Los Angeles that crash lands on a mysterious island in the Pacific, lent itself to boasting one of the most multicultural casts on television.

Among the stars participating in the exhibit are Jorge Garcia ("Hurley"), Yunjin Kim ("Sun"), Nestor Carbonell ("Richard"), Dominic Monaghan ("Charlie"), and Daniel Dae Kim ("Jin").

The exhibit also includes crewmembers whose families hail from all parts of the globe – including the Philippines, Ireland, Tonga, South Africa, New Zealand, the U.K. and China.

The profiled individuals will also be set against a collection of popular props and figures from the set of the award-winning show. For the first time ever, fans in NYC will have the opportunity to get up close and personal with some of their favorite imagery from *LOST*'s mystical, mysterious time-travelling island.

THE VILCEK FOUNDATION

The Vilcek Foundation was established in 2000 by Jan and Marica Vilcek, immigrants from the former Czechoslovakia. The mission of the Foundation, to honor the contributions of foreign-born scholars and artists living in the United States, was inspired by the couple's careers in biomedical science and art history, respectively, as well as their personal experiences and appreciation for the opportunities they received as newcomers to this country. The Foundation hosts events to promote the work of immigrants, and awards annual prizes to prominent immigrant biomedical scientists and artists who make outstanding contributions to American culture. To learn more about the Vilcek Foundation, visit www.vilcek.org.