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**ACTOR, MODESTO NATIVE JEREMY RENNER
TO STAR AT GALLO CENTER FUNDRAISER**

MODESTO, CA—[August 6, 2010]-----Modesto favorite son and Academy Award®-nominated actor Jeremy Renner is returning to his hometown for a fundraising event benefiting the non-profit Gallo Center for the Arts. The event, “An Evening with Jeremy Renner,” is at 7 p.m. on Saturday, September 18. General admission tickets are \$20 and \$10.

Tickets are on sale now at the Center’s ticket office, 1000 I Street in downtown Modesto, online at GalloArts.org, and by phone at (209) 338-2100. A limited number of tickets available for \$50 include a post-show reception with Renner.

His appearance will be in an interview format, similar to Bravo Television’s “Inside the Actors Studio,” including clips from Renner’s films as well as questions and answers from the audience. Dr. Jim Johnson, the Center’s arts education coordinator and retired Modesto Junior College dean of fine arts, will conduct the interview.

“We are thrilled that Jeremy is stepping forward to do this,” said Gallo Center chief executive officer Lynn Dickerson. “His devotion to his home town, and to the arts community here, is admirable.” Dickerson said that Renner’s appearance is the first of what is expected to be an ongoing “Hometown Heroes” series at the performing arts center.

Nominated for Best Actor as the star of the 2009 Iraq war thriller, “The Hurt Locker,” which won the Oscar for Best Picture, Renner is a graduate of Fred C. Beyer High School and Modesto Junior College.

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He is currently co-starring in "The Town," directed by Ben Affleck. The film opens on September 17 and also stars Affleck, Rebecca Hall, Jon Hamm, Blake Lively, Pete Postlethwaite and Chris Cooper. It follows the action of four Charlestown, Massachusetts bank robbers pursued by law enforcement.

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