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## **Alan Cumming's new children's book donated to area schools and libraries by Cinema Arts Centre.**

**Cinema Arts Centre** hosted actor **Alan Cumming** along with his partner and literary collaborator **Grant Shaffer** at a recent sold-out appearance, celebrating the publishing of their recent book, "**The Adventures of Honey and Leon**". In a conversation on-stage and in front of a live audience, Cumming and Shaffer discussed their book which is based on their own dogs and their adventures while their parents are away on vacation.

Through an anonymous donation from a Cinema Arts benefactor, being made in honor of Cumming and Shaffer, copies of the book will be donated to area elementary schools and libraries. "We are delighted that this book will be enjoyed by local children and their families. The book supports the values of openness, acceptance and the importance of family that are fundamental to the Cinema Arts and it's over 10,000 members." said **Dylan Skolnick**, co-director of the Cinema Arts Centre.

The event showcased the 2001 American comedy-drama film, **The Anniversary Party**, written, directed, produced and starring Alan Cumming and Jennifer Jason Leigh. A Q&A session followed with **Dr. Jud Newborn**, Cinema Arts Centre's special events curator, leading into a gala reception that included a book-signing with Cumming and Shaffer.

"I would like to thank the anonymous donor and the Cinema Arts Centre for making available to our local schools and libraries copies of this beautifully illustrated and wonderfully written book," stated **Councilwoman Susan A. Berland**. "The Adventures of Honey & Leon highlights the love and devotion pets have for their families and that families come in all shapes and sizes. We all have to leave our pets home periodically and now we know how they are planning to follow us when we are gone. Bravo!"

The mission of **Cinema Arts Centre** is to bring the best in cinematic artistry to Long Island, and use the power of film to expand the awareness and consciousness of our community. Visit [CinemaArtsCentre.org](http://CinemaArtsCentre.org) or call our Box Office at (631) 423 7611.



“The Adventures of Honey & Leon” available now through Penguin Random House.

Photo of Grant Shaffer and Alan Cumming courtesy of Jess and Andrew Attard of Flashback Photography.