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Sofia Coppola's poetic drama *Somewhere* won the Golden Lion for best film at the 2010 Venice Film Festival by a unanimous decision. Director Quentin Tarantino, who headed up the jury, told the San Francisco Chronicle, "This was a film that enchanted us from our first screening. Yet from that first enchanting screening, it grew and grew and grew in both our hearts, in our analysis, in our minds, and in our affections."

Sofia Coppola reunites with the team behind her Academy Award winning and critically acclaimed hit *Lost in Translation*, to bring us this touching and powerful portrait of family, hope and the cult of celebrity. Written and directed by Coppola, *Somewhere* is an intimate story set in contemporary Los Angeles.

Believed to be partly inspired by her own childhood experiences as the daughter of acclaimed filmmaker Francis Ford Coppola, the story is one all too familiar among Hollywood celebrities. Johnny Marco (Stephen Dorff, *Public Enemies*) is a bad-boy A-list actor stumbling through a life of excess at the infamous Chateau Marmont Hotel. When his estranged 11 year-old daughter, Cleo (brilliantly played by Elle Fanning, *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*), pays him an unexpected visit, Johnny is forced to re-examine his life and its true meaning.

Exquisitely written, Coppola perfectly captures the anguish of a young girl unwittingly forced into a maturity beyond her years. As the lines between caregiver and charge become blurred, Coppola's remarkable ability to conjure mood and atmosphere creates a beautiful, poetic and decidedly moving viewing experience.

Tickets are \$11 each, available at the CVAG Gift Shop, 580 Duncan Ave, Courtenay and Video's N More, 264 Anderton Road, Comox. *Somewhere* will be shown on Sunday, January 30, 2011 at 5:00pm at the Rialto Theatre, 2665 Cliffe Ave, Courtenay (at Driftwood Mall). For more information call 250-338-6211 or visit www.comoxvalleyartgallery.com for a complete listing of films in the CVAG Winter/Spring 2011 Film Series.