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## REELZCHANNEL FILM EXPERT LEONARD MALTIN CASTS VOTES FOR FAVORITE PRESIDENTIAL MOVIES

### Host of Network's "Secret's Out" Devotes October 31 Episode To "Hidden Gem" Political-Themed Movies

Los Angeles, CA – (October 21, 2008) -- As the Presidential election races toward a historic close, renowned movie critic Leonard Maltin, host of the original series "**Secret's Out**" (Friday, 9 PM ET/PT) on ReelzChannel®, has cast his vote for his five favorite Presidential movies. In addition, political-themed "hidden gem" movies will be the subject of Maltin's Friday, October 31, episode of "Secret's Out" on **ReelzChannel** – "**TV About Movies.**"

Maltin's overall favorite Presidential-themed movies, in no particular order:

***The Candidate*** – Robert Redford is perfectly cast as a Kennedy-esque Presidential contender who's promised that he can run a "pure" election campaign, because everyone knows he's going to lose. This clever satire sticks so close to reality you may think you're watching a docudrama.

***Bulworth*** – Warren Beatty's best movie is also the most audacious political satire ever to come from Hollywood. As a Senator running for President, Beatty dares to tell the truth about the government's disregard for the poor, and embraces the black community as his brothers. A rare mainstream movie that dares to take a political point of view.

***Primary Colors*** – Everyone knows that this movie (and Joe Klein's book, which inspired it) was based on former President Bill Clinton, but the name is never uttered. John Travolta gives a brilliant performance as the Southern governor who makes a run for the White House, and Kathy Bates is extraordinary as his longtime troubleshooter and professional conscience.

***State of the Union*** – It may be 60 years old but this Frank Capra movie (based on a Broadway play) is just as relevant as ever, with Spencer Tracy as an industrialist—and unfaithful husband to Katharine Hepburn—who's persuaded to run for President but doesn't realize how many compromises he'll have to make. Angela Lansbury plays the newspaper publisher who backs his campaign (who also happens to be his mistress).

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***Swing Vote*** – This unfairly-maligned Kevin Costner comedy depicts an ignorant, apathetic single dad who turns out to hold the deciding vote in a Presidential election. As candidates Kelsey Grammer and Dennis Hopper shamelessly court him, with their eager campaign managers hovering nearby, the proceedings don't seem all that exaggerated in this election year.

Additional Presidential-themed movies among Maltin's favorites are: *Wag the Dog*, *The Manchurian Candidate*, *The Best Man*, *Dave* and *Bob Roberts*.

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