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THE JAZZ SINGER: 25th ANNIVERSARY

*ANCHOR BAY ENTERTAINMENT BRINGS
MUSIC LEGEND NEIL DIAMOND
TO DVD IN A SPECIAL 25TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION*

TROY, MI – This October, celebrate the Silver Anniversary of one man, his song and a dream. Rich with tension and the bittersweet taste of success and separation, 1980's THE JAZZ SINGER stands as a heart-wrenching journey through personal strife and upheaval. Music legend Neil Diamond, the incomparable Laurence Olivier and Lucie Arnaz star in the latest re-telling of the first 'talkie', originally released in 1927. Bonus features on the DVD include audio commentary by producer Jerry Leider, the movie's theatrical trailer and stills as well as biographies on Diamond, Olivier and director Richard Fleischer. THE JAZZ SINGER will be available for the SRP of \$19.98 on October 18, 2005.

THE JAZZ SINGER, a triple Golden Globe™ nominee for Best Actor (Diamond), Best Supporting Actress (Arnaz) and Best Original Song (Love on the Rocks), follows Yussel Rabinowitz, a talented cantor with dreams of stardom that eventually distance him from his close-knit family and faith. Yussel's father (Olivier) and wife Rivka (Catlin Adams) disapprove of Yussel's pursuit of a career in music, yet reluctantly let him follow promoter Molly Bell (Arnaz) to Los Angeles. After some disappointment, Bell is finally able to land a gig for Yussel that will showcase his talent and put him on the brink of realizing his dreams, just as his father and wife follow him out west to plead for his return to New York. The temptations of fame and Bell play against Yussel's reclusive upbringing and familial commitment, making for very tense and emotionally challenging moments that test one man's willingness to risk it all to follow a dream.

Multi-platinum recording artist Neil Diamond has his acting debut in this film, alongside screen legend Laurence Olivier (Wuthering Heights, Hamlet, Spartacus) and Lucie Arnaz (daughter of TV legends Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz). Of the 120 million worldwide album sales, THE JAZZ SINGER soundtrack is Diamond's best-selling album and features popular hits such as "Love on the Rocks", "Hello Again" and "America". In 1982, the soundtrack earned a Grammy nomination and in 1991, the song "America" won the ASCAP award for Most Performed Feature Film Standards. Neil Diamond is currently on his 2005 World Tour, and will debut a new album this November.

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