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**Luke Benward, star of Disney Channel's "Minutemen" and "How To Eat Fried Worms" to sign autographs at "Diamond Dog Caper" screening.**

*Star and other cast members to attend Newport Beach Film Festival on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM*

**WHO:**

**Luke Benward** lives Nashville, and his singing and acting have already made him a teen sensation.

- Luke won a Best Young Artist 2007 Award for his starring role in "How To Eat Fried Worms"
- Luke is the featured new recording artist this month on Radio Disney's program, "Incubator."  
<http://radio.disney.go.com/artists/incubator/lukebenward/bio.html>
- The Disney Channel has contracted Luke to host the upcoming Disney Channel Games
- Luke was the star of The Disney Channel's movie, "Minutemen," which drew **over 20 million viewers** in its premiere broadcast
- Luke is starring in a new feature currently shooting, called "Mostly Ghostly," co-starring Ali Lohan, Lindsay's younger sister.
- The Hollywood Reporter named Luke "One of the top young artists to watch."



Also appearing will be **Brittany Curran**, of "Suite Life Of Zack and Cody" and **Cameron Monaghan**, star of "The Three Investigators" trilogy of feature films.

**WHAT:**

A trio of half-witted thieves think they've pulled off the perfect diamond heist, but they're no match for the young boy they're about to encounter. Award-winning director Mark Stouffer and cinematographer Tom Camarda have created a film with boundless energy and storybook charm. With bungling thieves, unstoppable dogs and kids that have a passion for being a kid, it has a lighthearted sensibility that easily puts it alongside such family friendly classics as *Home Alone* and *The Apple Dumpling Gang*.

- AFI Dallas International Film Festival

**Director/Producer:** Mark Stouffer

**Cast:** French Stewart, Luke Benward, Brittany Curran, Kelly Perine, Kevin Farley, Cameron Monaghan

**Executive Producers:** Jay Sedrish, Mark Litwak

**Co-Producers:** Wendy Winks, Rich Cowan

**WHERE/WHEN:****Saturday, April 26, 2008****1:30 PM**

Edwards Island Cinemas  
(inside the Fashion Island Mall)  
999 Newport Center Dr.  
Newport Beach, CA  
[www.newportbeachfilmfest.com](http://www.newportbeachfilmfest.com)

**TRAILER:**

[www.diamonddogcaper.com](http://www.diamonddogcaper.com)

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**About Mark Stouffer Productions**

MARK STOUFFER (director/producer/writer). Winner of 2 Emmy Awards (including Outstanding Achievement in Directing), 9 Emmy Award Nominations, a Directors Guild of America - Best Director Nomination, and over 75 prestigious, international awards. Mark Stouffer's productions include 6 feature motion pictures, 18 network specials, 120 episodes of series television, and 12 direct-to-videos. His diverse and adventurous films have been shot on location in 17 countries, including China, Japan, Africa's Skeleton Coast, and Siberia. Mark's current features include "Creature of Darkness" starring Devon Sawa, and "Diamond Dog Caper" starring Luke Benward, French Stewart and Kevin Farley.