

Reese Witherspoon

AFI FEST WALKS THE PREAM LINE

WHAT: AFI Fest opened Thursday with 20th's Johnny Cash biopic "Walk the Line."

WHO: Topliners Joaquin Phoenix and Reese Witherspoon; producers Cathy Konrad and James

Keach; plus director James Mangold

WHERE: Cinerama Dome with an after-party at Vanguard in Hollywood

STEPS AWAY: While event planners opted for an off-site party locale, this year's fest as a whole is more centralized than ever before — with Audi's rooftop pavilion now open for biz.

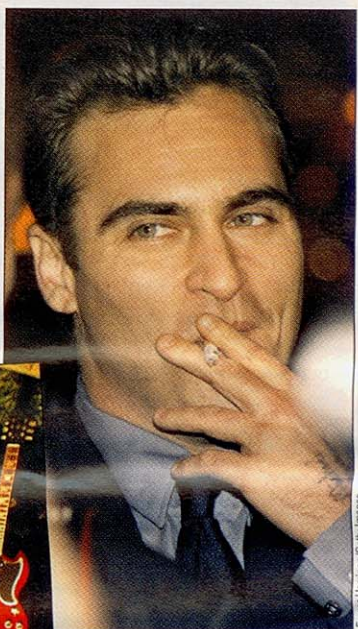
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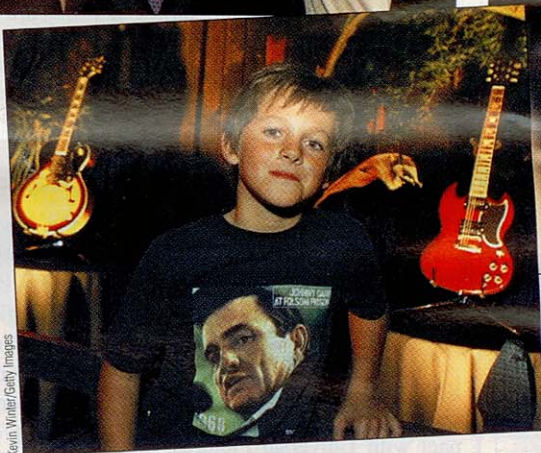
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Clockwise from above, Joaquin Phoenix; moppet Ridge Canipe; plus producer Cathy Konrad, Fox's Jim Gianopulos and helmer James Mangold