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## *Jodie's kind words for Amy*

**JODIE Foster** feels for former Sony Pictures co-chair **Amy Pascal**, who stepped down this week after fallout from embarrassing e-mails that came to light in the hacking scandal. "It sounds like a sad day for Amy," Foster told us at the Athena Film Festival on Thursday at Barnard. "We've made some good movies together, and she's always been really wonderful to me and, you know, generous and kind and thoughtful and deep." **Kathryn Kolbert**, co-founder of the festival, which celebrates female leadership, told us, "When an Amy Pascal gets fired and the guy doesn't, people notice. Obviously, someone was going to get fired. I just wish it had been both of them. They're equally responsible," she said, referring to Sony co-chair **Michael Lynton**. Foster also said of a lack of female directors: "I don't think everybody sat down and said, 'Let's not include women.' I think it's an unconscious psychology of fear about what would happen if someone that doesn't look like you, or someone that's untried, is a risk. And I don't know why we're a risk. I don't feel very risky."

