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39th Mill Valley Film Festival, October 6 – 16, 2016
Celebrating the Best in Independent and World Cinema

BREAKOUT ACTOR **LUCAS HEDGES
TO ATTEND MILL VALLEY FILM FESTIVAL SCREENING OF
MANCHESTER BY THE SEA
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2016**

SAN RAFAEL, CA (October 10, 2016) – The Mill Valley Film Festival is pleased to announce breakout actor Lucas Hedges (*Moonrise Kingdom*, *Kill The Messenger*) will be in attendance for the Bay Area premiere of Kenneth Lonergan's **MANCHESTER BY THE SEA**. The screening will take place Wednesday, October 12 at 7PM at the Christopher B. Smith Rafael Film Center in San Rafael.

About *MANCHESTER BY THE SEA*

US 2016, 135 min

Director Kenneth Lonergan

Casey Affleck's haunting performance as a man utterly transformed by dark past events drives this masterwork by Kenneth Lonergan (*You Can Count on Me*, MVFF 2000), a story set at the edge of an ocean, with a protagonist who is emotionally unmoored. Tragedy lurks in every corner of this intense drama—and in every furrow of Affleck's tortured brow. The actor plays Lee, who reluctantly returns to his titular hometown in the wake of his brother Joe's (Kyle Chandler) death. It's a devastating story played mostly in reverse, with emphasis on the small irritations and interactions of a fractured family's daily life. As the nonlinear narrative works its way backward, artfully timed flashbacks reveal its secrets like slow leaks. Set against a charming but chilly small-town New England backdrop, *Manchester by the Sea* is a potent combination of great storytelling, explosive performances (including Michelle Williams as Lee's ex-wife Randy), and a carefully calibrated score.

Wednesday, October 12th at 7:00PM at the Christopher B. Smith Rafael Film Center
Saturday, October 15th at 7:30PM at the CinéArts Sequoia

Tickets for *MANCHESTER BY THE SEA*

General Admission: \$15

CFI Members: \$12.50

About the Mill Valley Film Festival

For nearly four decades, the world-renowned Mill Valley Film Festival (MVFF) has maintained its position as a vital showcase of the global film community, attracting iconic red-carpet talent, burgeoning filmmakers, passionate audiences, and astutely curated premieres. An in-demand destination for film lovers, drawn by unmatched locale and a diverse program of mainstream studio features and new visions from independent voices from around the world, MVFF also hosts an exciting array of filmmaker and industry conversations, panels, parties, and live music performances, featuring the most acclaimed emerging and veteran actors, filmmakers, and musicians of our time. A destination event for cinephiles everywhere, and known for launching new films and creating awards season buzz, MVFF has earned a deserved reputation as a "filmmaker's festival" by celebrating the best in American, independent, and world cinema alongside high profile and prestigious award contenders. Presented by the California Film Institute, this year's Festival runs October 6 – 16, 2016. Opening Night Gala will be held at Marin Country Mart and Closing Night Party will be held at Cavallo Point.

Screening locations include: CinéArts@Sequoia and The Sweetwater Music Hall (Mill Valley), Christopher B. Smith Rafael Film Center (San Rafael), Cinemark Century Larkspur Landing and Lark Theatre (Larkspur), and Cinemark Century Cinema Corte Madera (Corte Madera).

About the California Film Institute

The non-profit California Film Institute celebrates and promotes film as art and education through year-round programming at the non-profit independent theatre, Christopher B. Smith Rafael Film Center, presentation of the acclaimed Mill Valley Film Festival and cultivation of the next generation of filmmakers and audiences through CFI Education programs. For more information, visit <http://www.cafilm.org> or call (415) 383-5256.

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