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38th Mill Valley Film Festival, October 8 – 18, 2015  
Celebrating the Best in Independent and World Cinema

**FOCUS FEATURES TO BOOKEND  
THE 38<sup>TH</sup> MILL VALLEY FILM FESTIVAL  
WITH ITS HIGHLY ANTICIPATED FILMS  
*THE DANISH GIRL* AND *SUFFRAGETTE***

***THE DANISH GIRL* DIRECTOR TOM HOOPER TO RECEIVE VARIETY MASTER FILMMAKER AWARD**

**SAN RAFAEL, CA.** (September 30, 2015) – The Mill Valley Film Festival announced today that Focus Features will bookend the festival with two new releases that are among the most highly anticipated films this year: ***The Danish Girl***, starring Academy Award® winner Eddie Redmayne (*The Theory of Everything*, MVFF 2014) and directed by Academy Award®-winning director Tom Hooper (*The King's Speech*, MVFF 2010); and ***Suffragette***, with director Sarah Gavron, producer Faye Ward, screenwriter Abi Morgan, and star Carey Mulligan presenting their film for Closing Night.

Having previously presented his multi-Academy Award®-winning film *The King's Speech* at the Mill Valley Film Festival in 2010, Tom Hooper returns to MVFF38 with his latest film *The Danish Girl*. Hooper will participate in an on-stage conversation following the screening and be presented with the Variety Master Filmmaker Award by Variety Senior Features Editor David Cohen.

In addition to attending the Closing Night screening, the *Suffragette* all-female filmmaking team of Sarah Gavron, Faye Ward, and Abi Morgan will participate in a **Variety Contenders Conversation** on Saturday October 17, where they will discuss the film's genesis, history, and journey to the screen with Variety Senior Features Editor Steve Chagollan. Also on Saturday, October 17, *Suffragette* star Carey Mulligan will be the focus of a MVFF **Spotlight** program, which will feature an onstage conversation, a look back at her film roles, discussion of and clips from *Suffragette*, and the presentation of the MVFF Award in recognition of exceptional artistry.

***The Danish Girl***

UK/US 2015

Academy Award®-winning *The King's Speech* (MVFF2010) director Tom Hooper returns with another emotionally powerful drama. *The Danish Girl* explores the remarkable love story inspired by the lives of Lili Elbe (Academy Award® winner Eddie Redmayne, MVFF Spotlight 2014), one of the first people in recorded history to undergo gender confirmation surgery, and Gerda Wegener (Alicia Vikander).

Special Guest: Tom Hooper

**Thursday, October 8 at 7PM and 7:15PM at Century Larkspur Landing**

This year, MVFF kicks off the festival with an Opening Night Gala at the Marin Country Mart, sponsored by Wells Fargo, with food provided by Farmshop, Belcampo, Miette, El Huarache Loco, Big Jim's BBQ, Sol Food, Johnny Doughnuts, Fiorello's Artisan Gelato, and The Grand Meringue with beverages provided by Bartenders Unlimited, Lagunitas Brewing Company, Dark Horse Wines, Hangar 1 Vodka, and Equator Coffee. Live music from Los Pingous and additional music by The Crackerjack DJs will entertain guests throughout the evening.

**Thursday, October 8 at 9PM at Marin Country Mart**

### ***Suffragette***

UK 2015

Profoundly moving, *Suffragette* tells the story of the ordinary women who risked all – their jobs, homes, children, and even their lives – in the fight for the right to vote. A brilliant ensemble cast (including Carey Mulligan, Helena Bonham Carter, Anne-Marie Duff, Romola Garai, Natalie Press, and Meryl Streep) drives this stirring portrait of the working women whose passion and vision advanced equal rights.

**Sunday, October 18 at 5PM and 5:15PM at CinéArts Sequoia**

**Sunday, October 18 at 5PM at Christopher B. Smith Rafael Film Center**

The Closing Night Party, sponsored by Jackson Square Partners, will be held at Terrapin Crossroads, with food provided by the venue and beverages provided by Lagunitas Brewing Company and Dark Horse Wines. Live music by Monophonics with additional music by The Crackerjack DJs.

**Sunday, October 18 at 7PM at Terrapin Crossroads**

### **About the 38th Mill Valley Film Festival**

Presented by the California Film Institute, the 38th Mill Valley Film Festival runs October 8-18, 2015 at the CinéArts Sequoia (25 Throckmorton Ave., Mill Valley), Christopher B. Smith Rafael Film Center (1118 Fourth Street, San Rafael), and other venues throughout the Bay Area. With a reputation for launching new films and creating awards season buzz, MVFF has earned a reputation as a “filmmakers’ festival” by celebrating the best in American independent and world cinema, alongside high profile and prestigious award contenders. MVFF welcomes more than 200 filmmakers representing more than 50 countries.

### **About the California Film Institute**

The non-profit California Film Institute celebrates and promotes film as art and education through the presentation of the Mill Valley Film Festival and year-round exhibitions at the Christopher B. Smith Rafael Film Center, film distribution by CFI Releasing, and building the next generation of filmmakers and audiences through the CFI Education program. For more information visit [www.cafilm.org](http://www.cafilm.org) or call (415) 383-5256.

### **Supporters**

As a nonprofit arts organization, CFI relies on the generosity of its community to sustain not only the Festival, but also the year-round programs of the Christopher B. Smith Rafael Film Center and CFI Education. The invaluable support of our sponsors, foundations, and individual donors ensures our continued success as we celebrate our 38<sup>th</sup> year.

CFI is once again proud to acknowledge the leadership support of Christopher B. and Jeannie Meg Smith and Jennifer Coslett MacCready, and the continued major support of Ken and Jackie Broad Family Fund, Drusie and Jim Davis - Drusie Davis Family Fund, The Bernard Osher Foundation, The Gruber Family Foundation, Michael and Susan Schwartz Fund, The Christine Zecca Foundation and The Horace W. Goldsmith Foundation. We are also fortunate to have the contributions of the following Signature and Major Sponsors of the Mill Valley Film Festival: Wells Fargo, Jackson Square Partners, Lucasfilm, Ltd., Maroevich, O’Shea & Coghlan Insurance Services, Zaentz Media Center/A Wareham and Development, Bellam Self Storage and Boxes, Delta Airlines and San Francisco Chronicle.

### **For Calendar Editors**

#### **The 38th Mill Valley Film Festival**

One of the Nation’s Top 10 Film Festivals, celebrating the Best of Independent and World Cinema

Marin County, California

**Thursday, October 8 through Sunday, October 18, 2015**

Tickets and Information: [mvff.com](http://mvff.com)