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

INVITATION

**MVFF38 PRESS CONFERENCE
AND
PRESS SCREENINGS**

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. (September 4, 2015) – The California Film Institute is pleased to invite you to the following press screenings and press conference for the 38th Mill Valley Film Festival.

The festival will unveil its complete lineup on Tuesday, September 15th at a special evening **Press Conference** with Founder/Director Mark Fishkin and Director of Programming Zoë Elton announcing highlights from the official selection. Following the press conference, join us for a casual reception with the programming team; Mark, Zoë, senior programmers, Janis Plotkin & Karen “KD” Davis, Children’s FilmFest and CFI Director of Education John Morrison, Laura Henneman and Sterling Hedgpeth will be on hand to answer questions and further discuss the dynamic programming of this years festival.

Press Conference and Screenings will be held at:

Dolby Laboratories

100 Potrero Avenue

San Francisco, CA

***** Please RSVP to Publicity@Larsenassoc.com or 415-835-8775 *****

SCHEDULE

Thursday, September 10 – Screening(s)

6:00 PM ***I Smile Back*** – Broad Green Pictures

Note: Capsule reviews are encouraged for festival coverage but all major reviews must be held for theatrical release.

8:00 PM ***Breaking A Monster***

Tuesday, September 15 – Press Conference

5:30 PM Press Check In

6:00 PM - Press Conference

7:00 PM

7:00 PM - Reception | Meet & Greet | Food and Drink Provided

9:00 PM

Thursday, September 17 – Screening(s)

6:00 PM ***Dheepan***

Note: Capsule reviews are encouraged for festival coverage but all major reviews must be held for theatrical release.

8:00 PM ***45 Years***

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Tuesday, September 22 – Screening(s)

6:00 PM ***CODE: Debugging the Gender Gap*** (followed by a brief Q&A with director)

8:00 PM Screening #2 - Film TBD

About the Films

I SMILE BACK

Laney Brooks (Sarah Silverman) does bad things. Married with kids, she takes the drugs she wants, sleeps with the men she wants, disappears when she wants. Now, with the destruction of her family looming, and temptation everywhere, Laney makes one last desperate attempt at redemption. Directed by Adam Salky. Screening at festival as part of **SPOTLIGHT ON SARAH SILVERMAN**.

BREAKING A MONSTER

Meet Malcolm, Jared and Alec, three talented middle schoolers on the brink of rock-god stardom. *Breaking A Monster* follows the band from Brooklyn, *Unlocking the Truth*, over the course of a year-long industry roller coaster ride, and documents the passion and excitement of the crazy world of the music business. Directed by Luke Meyer.

DHEEPAN

Winner of the Palme D'Or at the 2015 Cannes Film Festival, *Dheepan* follows a Sri Lankan Tamil warrior who flees to France and ends up working as a caretaker outside Paris. Directed by Jacques Audiard.

45 YEARS

In the week leading up to their 45th wedding anniversary, a couple receive an unexpected letter which contains potentially life changing news. Charlotte Rampling and Tom Courtenay won Best Actress and Actor at the 2015 Berlin International Film Festival. Directed by Andrew Haigh.

CODE: Debugging the Gender Gap

Local filmmaker Robin Hauser Reynolds exposes the dearth of female and minority software engineers and explores the reasons for this gender gap and digital divide. Directed by Robin Hauser Reynolds. Robin Hauser Reynolds will be in attendance and will participate in a brief conversation and Q&A following the screening.

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.

Tickets are \$15.00 (CFI Members, \$12.50), unless otherwise noted and are available for purchase by the general public on September 19, 2015.

For tickets and additional information, please visit www.mvff.com or call 877.874.MVFF (6833).

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 or call (415) 383-5256.

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

On-Sale Date

For CFI Members: Starts Sunday, September 13, 2015 (dates vary by level)

For the General Public: Saturday, September 19, 2015

www.MVFF.com, www.CAFilm.org

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