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

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SAN RAFAEL, CA (September 8, 2016) – Returning for its 39th year, the Mill Valley Film Festival (October 6 – 16, 2016), presented by the California Film Institute, announced today that the official Opening Night selections for 2016 are the Lionsgate release **La La Land**, and Paramount Pictures' **Arrival**. Both films are fresh from their Telluride and Venice Film Festival premieres and will make their Bay Area premieres at the Festival.

La La Land

US 2016

Everything you love about classic musicals gets a pitch-perfect update in the cinematic, colorful, and enormously enjoyable *La La Land*. Emma Stone and Ryan Gosling sing, dance, and crack wise their way through Damien Chazelle's (*Whiplash*, MVFF 2014) exquisitely made love letter to dreamers and artists, to Hollywood, and to filmmaking itself.

Expected Guests: Emma Stone, Damien Chazelle

Thursday, October 6 at 7:00pm & 7:15pm at CinéArts Sequoia in Mill Valley

Arrival

US 2016

In award-winning director Denis Villeneuve's (*Sicario*, *Incendies*) riveting and deeply thoughtful drama, five-time Oscar® nominee Amy Adams is a brilliant linguistics professor on a journey that leads her across time and space, to discover the force that unites all sentient beings on our planet and any others that may exist: the power of communication.

Expected Guest: Amy Adams

Thursday, October 6, 7:00pm at Century Cinema in Corte Madera

Following the two films, MVFF39 kicks off this year's festivities with an Opening Night Gala, celebrating the glamor of cinema and our beautiful home in Marin County, at the Marin Country Mart. Enjoy fabulous food provided by Belcampo, Big Jim's BBQ, El Huarache Loco, FarmShop, Fiorello's, Gerard's Paella, Johnny Donuts, Pizza Antica and Sol Food, refreshing beverages provided by Coppola Wines, Bartenders Unlimited, Lagunitas Brewing Company and Equator Coffee, and dance the night away to live music from Ethan Tucker Band. Opening Night sponsored by Wells Fargo

Thursday, October 6 at 9:00pm – 12:00pm at Marin Country Mart

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. Delta Airlines the official MVFF39 airline.

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.

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 39th 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, Marin Community 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 and Government Support from the National Endowment for the Arts.

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The 39th Mill Valley Film Festival

Marin County, California

Thursday, October 6 – Sunday, October 16, 2016

Tickets & Information: <http://www.mvff.com>