



## MILL VALLEY FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES **FOCUSES & INITIATIVES** FESTIVAL DATES ~ OCTOBER 6 – 16, 2016

SAN RAFAEL, CA (September 12, 2016) – The Mill Valley Film Festival (October 6 – 16, 2016), presented by the California Film Institute, announces the Focuses & Initiatives for the 39th Festival.

### **FOCUS | KinoWerks**

Gutsy and original stories from Germany, with an emphasis on female characters and creators

**24 Weeks**

***Fukushima, Mon Amour***

***Molly Monster***

***Toni Erdmann***

### **FOCUS | Culinary Cinema**

A delicious selection of mouth-watering films that celebrate the creative of cuisine

***Ella Brennan: Commanding the Table***

***Jeremiah Tower: The Last Magnificent***

***Paris Can Wait***

***Theater of Life***

### **FOCUS | Smoke Screens**

Saturday, October 8 | Mill Valley

A full day of programming featuring mind-expanding films and conversations about cannabis

Sponsored by Bloom Farms

***Panel: Great Sports! Cannabis in Athletics - 11:00am Sweetwater***

***Rolling Papers (Screening & Panel) - 12:30pm Sequoia***

***5@5 I Want to Take You Higher – 1:30pm Sweetwater***

***Green Is Gold – 3:45pm Sequoia***

***Reception – 4:20pm MV Filmmaker Lounge***

***MVFF Music Show: TBA – 8:00pm Sweetwater***

***One Week and a Day – 9:30pm Sequoia***

### **Canna-Pass | \$50**

Access to all Smoke Screens programs, events, and Filmmaker Lounges (Oct. 8 only)

### **INITIATIVE | Mind The Gap: Women | Film | Tech**

MVFF's women's initiative, Mind the Gap, is both a celebration and a call to action, this year exploring women, film, and technology. In a wealth of festival-wide programming, we explore three aspects of the film and tech worlds: innovation/entrepreneurism, creativity, and gender representation. Through screenings, Q&As, panels, master classes, and special events, we highlight and explore the work and the impact of women in these fields.

### **INITIATIVE | Active Cinema**

MVFF's Active Cinema films are united in their commitment to explore the world and its issues, engage audiences, and transform ideas into action.

***Best and Most Beautiful Things***

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***Company Town***

***Death By Design***

***Do Not Resist***

***Fire at Sea***

***The Last Dalai Lama?***

***Visitor's Day***

***Yasuni Man***

***Active Cinema Hike, Saturday, October 15, 10:00am***

#### **INITIATIVE | ¡Viva El Cine!**

¡Viva El Cine! is a survey of the best Spanish-language and Latin American films of 2016. This year's eclectic collection includes a series of new works from Mexico as well as genre-defying films from Peru, Chile, Argentina, and Spain.

***Aquarius (Brazil)***

***Finding Oscar (US)***

***Icaros: A Vision (Peru/US)***

***Julieta (Spain)***

***The Long Night of Francisco Sanctis (Argentina)***

***Lupe Under The Sun (Mexico/US)***

***Neruda (Chile/France/Spain/Argentina)***

***The Pleasure is Mine (Mexico)***

***Visitor's Day (Mexico/US)***

***You Will Know What To Do With Me (Mexico)***

***You're Killing Me, Susana (Mexico/Canada)***

Complete Press Materials are available at:

[MVFF39 Marketing Materials](#)

#### **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.

#### **Supporters**

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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 39<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, 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 Air Lines and San Francisco Chronicle and Government Support from the National Endowment for the Arts.

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#### **For Calendar Editors**

**The 39<sup>th</sup> 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 6 through Sunday, October 16, 2016**

**Tickets & information: [mvff.com](http://mvff.com)**