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

SPOTLIGHT ON EWAN MCGREGOR

Live On-Stage Conversation Followed by Screening of *American Pastoral*

SAN RAFAEL, CA (September 15, 2016) – The Mill Valley Film Festival (October 6 – 16, 2016), presented by the California Film Institute, is pleased to present a special Spotlight program with acclaimed actor Ewan McGregor. McGregor will be on hand for the Bay Area premiere of his directorial debut ***American Pastoral*** on Sunday, October 9 at 7:00 PM at the Christopher B. Smith Rafael Film Center in San Rafael.

SPOTLIGHT | Ewan McGregor

Launching to independent film star status in the mid-1990s with impressive back-to-back performances in two landmark Danny Boyle films (*Shallow Grave*, *Trainspotting*), Ewan McGregor later propelled to superstardom as young Obi-Wan Kenobi in the *Star Wars* prequel trilogy (1999–2005), while steadily building an exceptional career across stage, television, and screen (*Moulin Rouge!*, *Big Fish*, *Black Hawk Down*, *Salmon Fishing in the Yemen*). ***American Pastoral*** marks McGregor's directorial debut.

The program will feature an onstage conversation with Ewan McGregor, a screening of **AMERICAN PASTORAL**, and the presentation of the MVFF Award in recognition of his auspicious directorial debut. After the program the Festival will host a celebratory reception at Il Fornaio in Corte Madera.

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 Air Lines is 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.

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celebrate our 39th year.

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The 39th Mill Valley Film Festival

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