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

MILL VALLEY FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES **A TRIBUTE TO JULIE DASH** OCTOBER 14th, 2016

SAN RAFAEL, CA (September 19, 2016) – The Mill Valley Film Festival is proud to honor director Julie Dash with a Tribute, featuring an on stage conversation, a clip reel from her body of work, a screening of *DAUGHTERS OF THE DUST*, and the presentation of the MVFF Award.

Tribute to Julie Dash

Filmmaker and author Julie Dash combined cinematic technique honed from her graduate work at UCLA during the “LA Rebellion” movement of Black Cinema and a desire to create uniquely female African American narrative films with her personal history of rich Gullah heritage to produce the 1991 groundbreaking and internationally acclaimed *Daughters of the Dust*, the first feature-length film by an African American woman with theatrical release in the US. Dash has continued to produce impressive works, including *The Rosa Parks Story*, *Incognito*, *Funny Valentines*, *Love Song*, and *Subway Stories*. Her upcoming projects include *Travel Notes of a Geechee Girl*, a documentary about writer- actor-griot-culinary anthropologist Vertamae Smart-Grosvenor.

About *DAUGHTERS OF THE DUST*

US 1992, 112 min

Director Julie Dash

Exquisitely cinematic and profoundly imagined, Julie Dash's lyrical story of family migration is unlike any other, establishing her as a strikingly original artist in the pantheon of American cinema. This seminal, award-winning work continues to inspire (notably, Beyoncé's homage, *Lemonade*); its newly-restored digital print reveals the gorgeous visual palette.

About TRIBUTE

An onstage conversation with Julie Dash featuring assorted clips from her body of work, and a screening of *Daughters of the Dust*, culminating in the presentation of the MVFF Award. Join us after the program for a celebratory reception at Green Chile Kitchen in San Rafael.

Friday, October 14th at 7:00PM at the Smith Rafael Film Center

Tickets for TRIBUTE TO JULIE DASH

Program & Party (non-member): \$50 (member): \$45

Program Only (non-member): \$25 (member): \$20

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.

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