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

### MILL VALLEY FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES A SPOTLIGHT ON GAEL GARCIA BERNAL OCTOBER 10th, 2016

SAN RAFAEL, CA (September 21, 2016) – The Mill Valley Film Festival is proud to honor actor-director-producer Gael Garcia Bernal with a Spotlight, featuring an on stage conversation, a screening of *NERUDA*, and the presentation of the MVFF Award.

#### **Spotlight on Gael Garcia Bernal**

Actor-director-producer Gael García Bernal first grabbed the world's attention in Alejandro González Iñárritu's *Amores Perros*, going on to star in many acclaimed Mexican (*Y Tu Mamá También*, *El Crimen del Padre Amaro*), Hollywood (*The Motorcycle Diaries*, *Babel*), and international (*Bad Education*, *The Science of Sleep*) films. Bernal founded his production company, Canana Films, with frequent co-star Diego Luna in 2003 and directed his first feature, *Déficit*, in 2007. Kicking off 2016 with a Golden Globe award for *Mozart in the Jungle*, Bernal rounds out the year with a remarkable performance in Pablo Larraín's *Neruda*.

#### **About *NERUDA***

Chile 2016, 107 min

Director Pablo Larraín

Beloved poet Pablo Neruda is also the most famous communist in post-WWII Chile. When the political tides shift, he is forced underground, with a perseverant police inspector (Gael García Bernal) on his trail. Part fact and many parts fiction, Pablo Larraín's self-proclaimed "anti-bio" is a brilliant blend of politics, poetry, history, and hedonism.

#### **About SPOTLIGHT Program**

**Spotlight Program** will feature an onstage conversation with Gael García Bernal, a screening of *NERUDA*, and the presentation of the MVFF Award in recognition of his transformational performance. Join us after the program for a celebratory reception at [Le Comptoir](#) in San Rafael. **Monday, October 10th at 7:00PM at the Smith Rafael Film Center**

#### **Tickets for SPOTLIGHT on Gael Garcia Bernal**

Program & Party (non-member): \$85 (member): \$75

Program Only (non-member): \$45 (member): \$40

#### **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**

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.

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#### **For Calendar Editors**

**The 39<sup>th</sup> Mill Valley Film Festival | Marin County, California**

**Thursday, October 6 through Sunday, October 16, 2016 | Tickets & information: [mvff.com](http://mvff.com)**