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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 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY WOMEN AS CENTERPIECE SPOTLIGHT OCTOBER 13th, 2016

SAN RAFAEL, CA (September 22, 2016) – The Mill Valley Film Festival is pleased to present Mike Mills' 20TH CENTURY WOMEN as the Festival's Centerpiece Ensemble Spotlight program. Mills will be on hand for the screening at the Christopher B. Smith Rafael Film Center on Thursday, October 13th alongside actress Annette Bening and actor Lucas Jade Zumann.

# **CENTERPIECE ENSEMBLE SPOTLIGHT PROGRAM**

The MVFF **CENTERPIECE ENSEMBLE SPOTLIGHT PROGRAM** will feature an onstage conversation with the director and cast members of 20TH CENTURY WOMEN, a screening of the film, and the presentation of the MVFF Award. For the first time, the MVFF Award will be given in recognition of the incredible cast and their work as an ensemble under Mike Mills' inspired direction.

### **About 20TH CENTURY WOMEN**

US 2016, 110 min Director Mike Mills

In the not-quite halcyon days of late-'70s Santa Barbara, on the cusp of a new era in sexual politics, single mother Dorothea Fields (Annette Bening) enlists two younger women (Greta Gerwig, Elle Fanning) to help her raise her teenage son (Lucas Jade Zumann) in hopes that he will grow into a man who truly understands women.

Thursday, October 13th at 7:00PM at the Smith Rafael Film Center

## **Tickets for CENTERPIECE SPOTLIGHT**

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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