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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 FESTIVAL FOCUS CULINARY CINEMA OCTOBER 6 - 16, 2016

SAN RAFAEL, CA (October 3, 2016) – The Mill Valley Film Festival (October 6 – 16, 2016), presented by the California Film Institute, announces the Culinary Cinema Festival Focus, a delicious selection of mouth-watering films that celebrate the creatives of cuisine.

ELLA BRENNAN: COMMANDING THE TABLE

dir. Leslie Iwerks

Sponsored by San Francisco Magazine

A household name to foodies, Ella Brennan redefined American cuisine through her impeccable palate and unrivaled joie de vivre, ushering in cocktails at breakfast and jazz bands in the dining room. Acolytes from Emeril Lagasse to Paul Prudhomme celebrate the nonagenarian who combined French fine dining with soulful Louisiana creole.

Saturday, 10/15, 7:00pm, Larkspur

JEREMIAH TOWER: THE LAST MAGNIFICENT

dir. Lydia Tenaglia

Sponsored by Strawberry Village

This documentary is a feast for the senses as the meteoric rise of this father of California Cuisine and Bay Area culinary legend is chronicled through a wealth of interviews and archival footage. Settle in for multiple courses of history, high drama, incisive character study, and lots and lots of food.

Sunday, 10/9, 8:15pm, Sequoia

Tuesday, 10/11, 12:45pm, Larkspur

Guests in attendance 10/9: Lydia Tenaglia (director), Jeremiah Tower (subject)

PARIS CAN WAIT

dir. Eleanor Coppola

Sponsored by Francis Ford Coppola Director's Cut Wine

A seemingly innocent offer of a ride from Cannes to Paris evolves into a flirtatious road trip as a playfully rakish bachelor (Arnaud Viard) woos the alternately amused and vexed wife (a luminous Diane Lane) of a movie producer friend. Eleanor Coppola's effervescent first feature celebrates transitory romance and the glories of France.

Saturday, 10/15, 1:45pm, Rafael

Sunday, 10/16, 12:00pm, Lark

Guest in attendance 10/15: Eleanor Coppola (director)

THEATER OF LIFE

dir. – Peter Svatek

Sponsored by Green Chile Kitchen

This fast-paced documentary follows superstar chef Massimo Bottera as he launches a project to feed Milan's poor with food destined for the dumpster. Forty world-renowned chefs staff this unusual soup kitchen, transforming simple ingredients into delectable menus. *In English, Italian, and French with English subtitles.*

Monday, 10/1, 4:45pm, Sequoia

Tuesday, 10/11, 12:15pm, Sequoia

Wednesday, 10/12, 3:30pm, Rafael

Guest in attendance 10/10, 10/11 & 10/12: Peter Svatek (director)

Preceded by short film BASIC HUMAN NEEDS, dir. Jesse Block

A paean to humanitarianism, Wavy Gravy sings about the conscientious choices and priorities we can all make. Guests in attendance 10/10, 10/11 & 10/12: Jesse Block (director), Wavy Gravy (subject), Dan Shea (audio producer), Jahanara Romney (actress)

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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Marin County, California

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