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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 KINOWERKS: GERMAN 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 Kinowerks: German Cinema Festival Focus, presenting gutsy and original stories from Germany, with an emphasis on female characters and creators.

24 WEEKS (24 Wochen)

dir. Anne Zohra Berrached

A powerful drama about a woman facing a moral dilemma when, deep into her pregnancy, she learns that there are problems with her baby. 24 Weeks avoids cliché and judgement with a tender, multi-faceted exploration of choice. Star Julia Jenstch forcefully portrays the conflicting emotions of a woman facing a difficult decision. *In German with English subtitles.*

Friday, 10/14, 6:00pm, Larkspur

Sunday, 10/16, 2:00pm, Sequoia

Actor Bjarne Madel in attendance 10/16

FUKUSHIMA, MON AMOUR (Grüße aus Fukushima)

dir. Doris Dörrie

Two women – one European, one Japanese – bridge cultural and generational divides while forging an unlikely bond in the shadow of Fukushima's post-tsunami wasteland, in this beautiful that dives deep into the power of memory, loss, and resolve in the face of tragedy. *In English, German, and Japanese with English subtitles.*

Friday, 10/14, 6:30pm, Sequoia

Saturday, 10/15, 12:45pm, Larkspur

MOLLY MONSTER

dirs. Ted Sieger, Michael Ekblad, Matthias Bruhn

Vivid animation and delightful songs enhance this charming tale about a little monster family that's about to get bigger once their egg hatches. Molly Monster and her wind-up best friend Edison take a fantastic trek with a mission: bring the hat Molly knitted to her about-to-be-hatched baby brother or sister. Ages 4+

Sunday, 10/9, 11:00am, Lark

Sunday, 10/16, 11:00am, Rafael

TONI ERDMANN

dir. – Maren Ade

Maren Ade's gutsy, unpredictable comedy stars Peter Simonischek as a prankster father reconnecting with his career-focused daughter (Sandra Huller) through extreme measures: by donning a goofy disguise. This Cannes sensation bracingly illustrates how children struggle to break free of their parents, only to learn those emotional bonds aren't easily severed. *In German, English, and Romanian with English subtitles.*

Saturday, 10/8, 7:45pm, Rafael

Thursday, 10/13, 3:15pm, Rafael

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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The 39th Mill Valley Film Festival
Marin County, California

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