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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 **BURN YOUR MAPS** EXPECTED GUEST WRITER/DIRECTOR JORDAN ROBERTS OCTOBER 16th, 2016

SAN RAFAEL, CA (October 12, 2016) – The Mill Valley Film Festival announces an added screening of **BURN YOUR MAPS**, a new film from Jordan Roberts, starring Vera Farmiga, Virginia Madsen and Jacob Tremblay.

#### **About BURN YOUR MAPS**

Burn Your Maps is a family adventure drama in which an eccentric 8-year-old American child has an existential epiphany. Young Wes (Jacob Tremblay, *The Room*) steadfastly believes that he is in fact a Mongolian goat herder. Not surprisingly, he is ridiculed at school and at home, supported only in a modest way by his open-minded mother (Vera Farmiga). When Wes meets a similarly displaced Indian immigrant studying to be a filmmaker, the new friend decides it is his destiny to assist the child in travelling to Mongolia and documenting the adventure. They journey together to the mysterious plains of Mongolia throwing the boy's family into a panic. This panic only compounds current family issues and leads the boy's desperate parents on a trip across the world attempting to make whole a family in spiritual turmoil.

#### **About JORDAN ROBERTS**

Jordan Roberts is an American screenwriter and film director, as well as an avid world traveler. He is best known for writing the narration for the U.S. version of the French Documentary *March of the Penguins*, which won the Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature, co-writing the screenplay for the Academy Award-winning animated Disney film *Big Hero 6*, as well as the recent hit film *You're Not You*. He Also wrote and directed *Frankie Go Book* starring Charlie Hunnam, Chris O'Down, and Lizzy Caplan, and *Around the Bend*, starring Chris Walken and Michael Caine.

Jordan Roberts is expected to join us for a post-screening Q&A.

***Sunday, October 16th at 11:30AM at the Century Larkspur Landing***

#### **Tickets for *BURN YOUR MAPS***

General Admission: \$15

CFI Members: \$13.50

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