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38TH Mill Valley Film Festival, October 8 – 18, 2015
Celebrating the Best in Independent and World Cinema

A DIRECTOR PREPARES DOCUMENTARY SERIES ABOUT MAKING OF ICONIC TELEVISION AND INDIE FILM TO PREMIERE AT THE 38TH MILL VALLEY FILM FESTIVAL

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. (October 2, 2015) – The California Film Institute announced today, veteran film and television director **Bobby Roth** will premiere his new documentary series, *A Director Prepares*, at the 38th Mill Valley Film Festival. The workshop will offer aspiring filmmakers and anyone interested in how film and television are made an incredible opportunity to learn first hand from one of the industry's most established directors of episodic television.

Bobby, whose most recent television directing credits include *Scorpion*, *Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.*, and *Grey's Anatomy*, will screen all ten episodes of the groundbreaking series in conjunction with teaching a Master Class on Saturday and Sunday, October 10th and 11th, from 10:00AM–1:00PM, at the historic Sweetwater Music Hall in Mill Valley.

An Official Trailer and detailed information about *A Director Prepares* are available on the project's website at <http://bobbyroth.net/>.

Bobby Roth has directed more than eighty episodes of television, thirteen feature films, and twenty-five television movies. He was a founding member of the Independent Feature Project and the first Co-Chairman of the DGA's Independent Feature Committee. His films have been exhibited at over 100 international film festivals, including Sundance, where he has also served as a jury member, and Berlin, where his film *Heartbreakers* was nominated for a Golden Bear. He holds a BA in Cinema from USC and an MFA in Motion Picture Production from UCLA, and he has been teaching film seminars worldwide for more than ten years.

About the 38th Mill Valley Film Festival

Presented by the California Film Institute, the 38th Mill Valley Film Festival runs October 8-18, 2015 at the CinéArts Sequoia (25 Throckmorton Ave., Mill Valley), Christopher B. Smith Rafael Film Center (1118 Fourth Street, San Rafael), and other venues throughout the Bay Area. With a reputation for launching new films and creating awards season buzz, MVFF has earned a reputation as a "filmmakers' festival" by celebrating the best in American independent and world cinema, alongside high profile and prestigious award contenders. MVFF welcomes more than 200 filmmakers representing more than 50 countries.

About the California Film Institute

The non-profit California Film Institute celebrates and promotes film as art and education through the presentation of the Mill Valley Film Festival and year-round exhibitions at the Christopher B. Smith Rafael Film Center, film distribution by CFI Releasing, and building the next generation of filmmakers and audiences through the CFI Education program. For more information visit www.cafilm.org or call (415) 383-5256.

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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 38th year.

CFI is once again proud to acknowledge the leadership support of Christopher B. and Jeannie Meg Smith and Jennifer Coslett MacCready, and the continued major support of Ken and Jackie Broad Family Fund, Drusie and Jim Davis - Drusie Davis Family Fund, The Bernard Osher Foundation, The Gruber Family Foundation, Michael and Susan Schwartz Fund, The Christine Zecca Foundation and The Horace W. Goldsmith Foundation. We are also fortunate to have the contributions of the following Signature and Major Sponsors of the Mill Valley Film Festival: Wells Fargo, Jackson Square Partners, Lucasfilm, Ltd., Maroevich, O'Shea & Coghlan Insurance Services, Zaentz Media Center/A Wareham and Development, Bellam Self Storage and Boxes, Delta Airlines and San Francisco Chronicle.

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Marin County, California

Thursday, October 8 through Sunday, October 18, 2015

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