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## MILL VALLEY FILM FESTIVAL CALL FOR ENTRIES DEADLINE JUNE 12, 2015 FESTIVAL DATES ~ OCTOBER 8 – 18, 2015

SAN RAFAEL, CA (May 26, 2015) – The Mill Valley Film Festival (MVFF) is eager to remind filmmakers of the final deadline of June 12, 2015, for its call for entries. The internationally respected festival, which runs October 8 – 18, 2015, provides a prestigious, filmmaker-focused community environment perfect for celebrating the best in independent and world cinema.

The Mill Valley Film Festival accepts feature length films (50 + minutes) and short films in the following categories: Narrative, Documentary, Animation, Children and Family, Experimental and Youth Produced. Festival sections include official Premieres, World Cinema, US Cinema, Valley of the Docs, Children's FilmFest, and the popular "5@5" shorts programs.

## MVFF's submission period opened March 1 and ends June 12, 2015.

The Mill Valley Film Festival entry form is available for download at <u>www.mvff.com</u>. Preview formats for submissions are DVD (NTSC: Region 1 or Region 0). MVFF will also accept online submissions through Without A Box, <u>www.withoutabox.com</u>, and Film Freeway, <u>www.filmfreeway.com</u>, as an economical, eco-friendly, and secure alternative to traditional hard-copy DVD submissions. Presentation formats for films accepted to MVFF are 35mm and DCP.

With a reputation for launching new films and creating awards season buzz, MVFF has a knack for spotting emerging talent as well as drawing legendary artists. Known as the filmmakers' festival, MVFF welcomes more than 200 filmmakers and guests from around the world and in the past two years alone has hosted such luminaries as Costa-Gavras, JC Chandor, Damien Chazelle, Geoffrey Rush, Steve McQueen, Lupita Nyong'o, Ben Stiller, Jared Leto,



Jason Reitman, Eddie Redmayne, Hilary Swank, and Laura Dern, among many others.

Last year the festival featured over 200 screenings, representing over 50 countries with 24 official premieres and more than 61,000 audience members present.

## About the Mill Valley Film Festival

Presented by the California Film Institute, the 38<sup>th</sup> Festival runs October 8 – 18, 2015 at the CinéArts@Sequoia and 142 Throckmorton Theatre (Mill Valley), the Christopher B. Smith Rafael Film Center (San Rafael), Cinema Corte Madera and the Lark Theatre (Larkspur). 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.

## 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 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 www.cafilm.org or call (415) 383-5256