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**MILL VALLEY FILM FESTIVAL PRESENTS  
THE GREAT MILL VALLEY GOSPEL SHOW  
FEATURING THE BAY AREA'S HOTTEST GOSPEL MUSICIANS & SINGERS  
SWEETWATER MUSIC HALL  
SATURDAY OCTOBER 17**

**SAN RAFAEL, CA** (October 5, 2015) – Film premieres and live music have played an integral part of the Mill Valley Film Festival's long history. As part of the new MVFF38 music series this year, multiple Grammy-winning producer and musical director, **Narada Michael Walden** is bringing together a group of the Bay Area's most electrifying gospel musicians and singers to perform for the first time ever at Mill Valley's legendary Sweetwater Music Hall. In celebration of the film **MAVIS!** – about acclaimed gospel and blues legend Mavis Staples – this group of musicians are sure to blow the roof off with their powerful gospel renditions of songs by Mavis, Aretha Franklin and more!

**THE GREAT MILL VALLEY GOSPEL SHOW | Saturday, October 17**

A Benefit for CFI Education

Featuring Narada Michael Walden, Jeanie Tracy, Emma Jean Foster, members of The Love Center Choir, and Special Guests

**Musicians:**

Narada Michael Walden – Drums  
Cedricke Dennis - Guitar  
Willis Hickerson Jr. – Organ  
Jeanie Tracy – Vocals  
Rusty Watson - Choir Director

Troy "Boodah" Lampkins – Bass  
Kevan Peabody – Piano  
Nate' Soulsanger - Vocals  
Emma Jean Foster - Vocals

**Choir:**

April Wright Hickerson  
Denise President  
Cynthia Harvey Patton  
Sylvester Finley  
Daryl Williams

Pearl Ricks  
Mary Catherine Cross  
Mark Brown  
Patrick Sturgis

For more information on the MVFF Music program, ticket prices and artist updates, please visit [mvff.com/music](http://mvff.com/music).

Tickets for all MVFF Music shows are available online at [mvff.com/music](http://mvff.com/music) or in person at the Sweetwater Music Hall box office. Individual MVFF Music tickets are not available at the MVFF box offices.

Festival Badges do not grant admittance for MVFF Music. A limited number of Music Passes are available online at [mvff.com/music](http://mvff.com/music).

# Mill Valley Film Festival – **The Great Mill Valley Gospel Show**

October 8 – 18, 2015

## **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](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 38<sup>th</sup> 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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## **For Calendar Editors**

**The 38th Mill Valley Film Festival**

**One of the Nation’s Top 10 Film Festivals, celebrating the Best of Independent and World Cinema**

**Marin County, California**

**Thursday, October 8 through Sunday, October 18, 2015**

**Tickets & information: [mvff.com](http://mvff.com)**

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