

## 'Spotlight' and 'The Danish Girl' to Open 38th Mill Valley Film Festival

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The high-profile awards contenders will open the 38th Mill Valley Film Festival on Thursday, October 8.



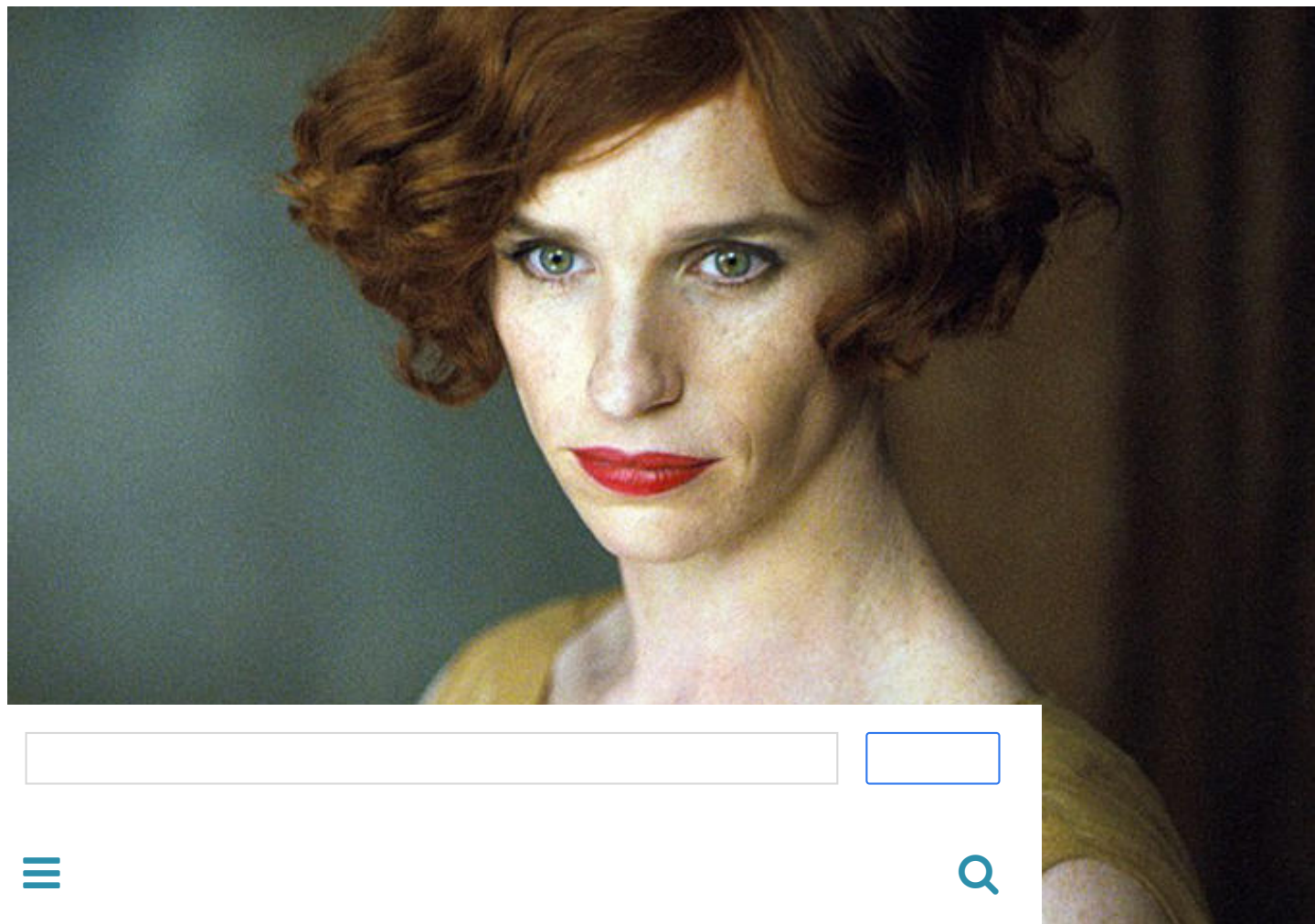
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"The Danish Girl"

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Returning for its 38th year, the Mill Valley Film Festival has selected a pair of awards contenders to be its Opening Night films for 2015.

Focus Features' "The Danish Girl," which depicts the love story inspired by the lives of Lili Elbe and Gerda Wegener, will play at 7pm and 7:15pm on Thursday, October 8 at Century Larkspur Landing. The film stars Eddie Redmayne and Alicia Vikander, both of whom have been thrown into the Oscar race following the film's hearty reception at festivals in Venice and Toronto. Director Tom Hooper will be in attendance for the film's Mill Valley screening.

Open Road's acclaimed "Spotlight" will be the second Opening Night film. The drama from Tom McCarthy tells the riveting true story of the Boston Globe's investigative team that uncovered a scandals of sexual abuse within the Catholic Church. The movie features an ensemble cast, including Michael Keaton, Mark Ruffalo, Rachel McAdams and more. McCarthy will also be in attendance for the film's screening.

The 38th Mill Valley Film Festival runs October 8-18.

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