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**41ST MILL VALLEY FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES
CENTERPIECE PRESENTATION
ROMA**

Monday, October 8, 2018

SAN RAFAEL, CA. (August 30, 2018) – The Mill Valley Film Festival announces its 2018 Centerpiece presentation of Oscar®-winning director and writer Alfonso Cuarón's, **ROMA**, with Cuarón in attendance for an on-stage conversation.

Roma

The most personal project to date from Academy Award®-winning director and writer Alfonso Cuarón (*Gravity*, *Children of Men*, *Y Tu Mama Tambien*), *ROMA* follows Cleo (Yalitza Aparicio), a young domestic worker for a family in the middle-class neighborhood of Roma in Mexico City. Delivering an artful love letter to the women who raised him, Cuarón draws on his own childhood to create a vivid and emotional portrait of domestic strife and social hierarchy amidst political turmoil of the 1970s. Cuarón's first project since the groundbreaking *Gravity* in 2013, *ROMA* will be available in theaters and on Netflix later this year.

About Alfonso Cuarón

Alfonso Cuarón is a two-time Academy Award® winner who has written and directed a wide range of acclaimed films. He most recently won two Academy Awards® for directing and editing *Gravity*. Cuarón made his feature film directorial debut in 1991 with *Sólo Con Tu Pareja*. His directorial credits also include *Great Expectations* (1998), *Y Tu Mamá También* (2001) for which he received an Academy Award® nomination for Best Original Screenplay, *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* (2003) and *Children of Men* (2006), which earned him two Academy Award® nominations for Best Adapted Screenplay and Best Editing. Cuarón is currently preparing for the release of *Roma*.

About the Mill Valley Film Festival

Presented by the California Film Institute, the 41st Festival runs October 4 – 14, 2018. Locations this year include: CinéArts@Sequoia (Mill Valley), Christopher B. Smith Rafael Film Center (San Rafael), Cinemark's Century Theater Larkspur, Lark Theatre (Larkspur), and other theatres 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.

About the California Film Institute

The non-profit California Film Institute (CFI) celebrates and promotes film by presenting the annual Mill Valley Film Festival and DocLands Documentary Film Festival, exhibiting film year-round at the Christopher B. Smith Rafael Film Center, and building the next generation of filmmakers and audiences through CFI Education. CFI relies on the generosity of its community to sustain these core programs. The invaluable support of our sponsors, foundations, and individual donors ensures our continued success as we celebrate our 40th year. For more information please visit www.cafilm.org.

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