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MILL VALLEY FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES 2019 FESTIVAL DATES AND CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

SAN RAFAEL, CA (February 18, 2019) – Mark Fishkin, Founder and Executive Director of the California Film Institute (CFI), announced today **the 42nd Mill Valley Film Festival (MVFF42)** will be held **Thursday, October 3 – Sunday, October 13, 2019**.

Zoë Elton, MVFF Director of Programming, also announced the Mill Valley Film Festival is **now accepting submissions** for feature length (50+ minutes) and short films in the following categories: Narrative, Documentary, Animation, Children and Family, Experimental and Youth Produced. Festival sections include World Cinema, US Cinema, Valley of the Docs, Music, the filmHOOD children and Family program, and the popular “5@5” shorts program. Films invited to the Festival may also be included in our ongoing initiatives, Mind the Gap, Active Cinema and ¡Viva el Cine!.

Mill Valley Film Festival offers a high profile, prestigious, non-competitive environment perfect for celebrating the best in independent and world cinema alongside high profile award season contenders. MVFF has a knack for spotting emerging talent as well as drawing legendary artists. Known as the “filmmaker’s festival”, MVFF welcomes more than 200 filmmakers and guests from around the world.

MVFF’s regular submission period begins Monday, February 18, 2019.

Submission Deadlines:

- Early Deadline: Friday, May 17, 2019
- Final Deadline: Friday, June 14, 2019
- Extended Deadline: Friday, June 28, 2019

The Mill Valley Film Festival only accepts online submissions through [FilmFreeway](#), and [WithoutABox](#). Presentation formats for films accepted to MVFF are DCP and 35mm. For more information, visit: mvff.com

The Festival is curated by the programming team, including Elton; MVFF Director | Founder Mark Fishkin; Senior Programmer Karen Davis; Programming Manager Sterling Hedgpeth (shorts); Kelly Clement (docs); and CFI Director of Education Joanne Parsont (family, young adult).

About the Mill Valley Film Festival

Presented by the California Film Institute, the 42nd Festival runs October 3-13, 2019. 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. Locations this year include: CinéArts@Sequoia (Mill Valley), Christopher B. Smith Rafael Film Center (San Rafael), Cinema Corte Madera, Century Larkspur, Lark Theatre (Larkspur) and other theatres throughout the Bay Area.

Follow the Mill Valley Film Festival on Facebook : <https://www.facebook.com/MillValleyFilmFestival>, Twitter @MVFFilmFest and Instagram @millvalleyfilmfest.

About California Film Institute

The California Film Institute (CFI) is a non-profit dedicated to celebrating and promoting film and media arts through the presentation of the internationally acclaimed Mill Valley Film Festival and DocLands Documentary Film Festival, CFI Education, which features a broad range of film screenings, Q&A sessions

and seminars with top international and local filmmakers and industry professionals and a rich program of classes and hands-on-workshops to cultivate the next generation of filmmakers and film lovers, and CFI Releasing, a non-profit film distribution initiative enabling filmmakers and sales agents to collaborate with U.S. Independent exhibitors, giving nationwide audiences access to quality independent films. Additionally, CFI acts as a year-round film-centric town hall with a diverse calendar of programming at the Christopher B. Smith Rafael Film Center, one of the leading non-profit independent theatres in the country. The art of storytelling through film enables CFI to touch 275,000+ guests throughout the year with films and events from diverse creators and storytellers that entertain as well as address a breadth of social, environmental and cultural issues. 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. For more information visit cafilm.org

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