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**MILL VALLEY FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES
US & INTERNATIONAL PREMIERE OF
INMATE #1: THE RISE OF DANNY TREJO**

SAN RAFAEL, CA (August 22, 2018) – The Mill Valley Film Festival is proud to announce a Special Presentation of the US and International Premiere of **INMATE #1: THE RISE OF DANNY TREJO**, featuring an onstage conversation with subject **DANNY TREJO**.



About INMATE#1: THE RISE OF DANNY TREJO:

With nearly 400 — and counting! — film and television credits since 1985, Danny Trejo is one of the most prolific and recognizable actors around. But his remarkable ascent to beloved Hollywood hero notorious for tough guy roles in *Heat*, *Breaking Bad*, and the *Machete* series was as hard-earned as it was unexpected. In this moving, funny, and revealing portrait, Trejo candidly traces his own sensational out-of-the-ashes journey from troubled kid growing up in Pacoima, CA, to teenage drug addict and San Quentin prison inmate, to ubiquitous film star, restaurateur, philanthropist, and role model. With help from his most ardent champions, including his children, friends, and famous colleagues (Robert Rodriguez, Cheech Marin, and Michelle Rodriguez), Brett Harvey's affecting profile is as raw and intimate as it is a buoyant celebration of an exceptional

life, telling a story of unlikely survival, rare humility, and a profound transformation that led to a real-life Hollywood ending.

About Danny Trejo:

Danny Trejo has had a prolific career in the entertainment industry, yet his road to success has been hard earned and anything but typical, from imprisonment to helping young people battle drug addiction, to acting and producing. Trejo has starred in dozens of films including *Desperado*, *Heat*, the *From Dusk Till Dawn* franchise, *Con Air*, *Once Upon A Time In Mexico*, the *Spy Kids* movies, *Grindhouse*, *Machete*, *Machete Kills*, *Dead In Tombstone*, and *Muppets Most Wanted*. Danny's recent television work includes recurring roles on *Sons of Anarchy* and *King of the Hill*, and he has appeared on episodes of *Modern Family* and *Breaking Bad*, among others. Most recently, Trejo reunited with Robert Rodriguez for season two of El Rey's TV series *From Dusk Till Dawn*. Trejo also regularly lends his voice to animated projects, including the WB feature *Storks*, Guillermo del Toro's *The Book of Life*, regular roles on Netflix's *The Adventures of Puss in Boots* and Nickelodeon's *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* and will most recently be heard in the upcoming *Dora and the Lost City of Gold*.

Additional 2019 MVFF Programs to be announced in the coming weeks.

About the Mill Valley Film Festival

Presented by the California Film Institute, the 42nd Festival runs October 3 – 13, 2019. 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 California Film Institute (CFI) is a non-profit organization dedicated to celebrating and promoting film and media arts through the presentation of the internationally acclaimed Mill Valley Film Festival celebrating its 42nd year in 2019 and DocLands Documentary Film Festival, the ongoing cultivation of the next generation of filmmakers and film lovers through CFI Education, which features a broad range of activities, including screenings, Q&A sessions, and seminars with top international and local filmmakers and industry professionals as well as a rich program of classes and hands-on-workshops. 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 engage 275,000 guests throughout the year with films and events 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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Marin County, California

Thursday, October 3 to Sunday October 13, 2019

Ticket On-Sale Dates

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