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CELEBRATING 42 YEARS
Showcasing the Best in Independent and World Cinema
Thursday, October 3 – 13, 2019

JUST MERCY
WINS 2019 MILL VALLEY FILM FESTIVAL
OVERALL AUDIENCE AWARD

SAN RAFAEL, CA (October 15, 2019) – The MVFF2019 Overall Audience Award went to [**JUST MERCY**](#) directed by Destin Daniel Cretton and starring Academy Award® winner Jamie Foxx, Michael B. Jordan, Academy Award® winner Brie Larson, Tim Blake Nelson, Rob Morgan and Karan Kendrick.

Full List of MVFF2019 Audience Award Winners:

OVERALL FAVORITE

The MVFF Audience Favorite 2019
JUST MERCY
Destin Daniel Cretton

US CINEMA

Audience Favorite - US Cinema
THE TWO POPES
Fernando Meirelles

Audience Favorite - US Cinema Indie
BLACKBIRD
Roger Michell

WORLD CINEMA

Audience Favorite - World Cinema
PAIN AND GLORY
Pedro Almodóvar

Audience Favorite - World Cinema Indie
A GIRL FROM MOGADISHU
Mary McGuckian

VALLEY OF THE DOCS

Audience Favorite - Valley of the Docs
THE GREAT 14TH: TENZIN GYATSO, THE 14TH DALAI LAMA IN HIS OWN WORDS
Rosemary Rawcliffe

FAMILY FILMS

Audience Favorite – Family Films
TEAM MARCO
Julio Vincent Gambuto

ACTIVE CINEMA

Audience Favorite – Active Cinema
THE STORY OF PLASTIC
Deia Schlosberg

MIND THE GAP

Audience Favorite – Mind the Gap US Cinema
HARRIET
Kasi Lemmons

Audience Favorite – Mind the Gap World Cinema
37 SECONDS
HIKARI

¡VIVA EL CINE!

Audience Favorite – Viva el Cine
MARIGHELLA
Wagner Moura

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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