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**RIAN JOHNSON'S GLASS ONION: A KNIVES OUT MYSTERY  
TO OPEN THE 45<sup>TH</sup> MILL VALLEY FILM FESTIVAL  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2022**

**DIRECTOR RIAN JOHNSON, KATHRYN HAHN, LESLIE ODOM JR., AND KATE HUDSON  
TO ATTEND**



*Glass Onion: A Knives Out Mystery | Image: Courtesy of Netflix*

San Rafael, CA (DATE) – The Mill Valley Film Festival announces Rian Johnson's **GLASS ONION: A KNIVES OUT MYSTERY** set to open the 45<sup>th</sup> Mill Valley Film Festival on Thursday, October 6. In the follow-up to Johnson's Academy Award-nominated *Knives Out* (MVFF42), Detective Benoit Blanc (Daniel Craig) travels to Greece to peel back the layers of a mystery involving a new cast of colorful suspects. Attending the Opening Night festivities will be Rian Johnson, Kathryn Hahn, Leslie Odom Jr., Kate Hudson, and producer Ram Bergman.

**MVFF45 Opening Night // GLASS ONION: A KNIVES OUT MYSTERY**

**Thursday, October 6 • 6:00 PM**

CinéArts Sequoia in Mill Valley (25 Throckmorton Ave.)

Smith Rafael Film Center in San Rafael (1118 Fourth Street)

**About GLASS ONION: A KNIVES OUT MYSTERY**

Rian Johnson brings together a to-die-for ensemble for his smashing new *Knives Out* murder mystery. With a wily brilliance, Johnson's script leaves no trope untrod: At a high-tech, exotic island hideaway, his brilliant cast of characters—disruptors and suspects all—play out this whodunnit with wit and aplomb.

**Rian Johnson** (Writer/Director/Producer) is an Academy Award® and Golden Globe®-nominated filmmaker, who is known for crafting films with their own artfully designed voice and look, and for telling unique stories that blend the pulp of genre with a genuine soulfulness. He most recently wrote, directed, and produced alongside Ram Bergman under their T-Street Banner, **GLASS ONION: A KNIVES OUT MYSTERY**, the much-anticipated follow up to the smash hit, Academy Award®-nominated, murder mystery *KNIVES OUT*, scheduled for release this Holiday season. **GLASS ONION** sees the return of Daniel Craig as Detective "Benoit Blanc" and follows a new cast, including Edward Norton, Janelle Monáe, Kathryn Hahn, Leslie Odom Jr., Jessica Henwick, Madelyn Cline, with Kate Hudson, and Dave Bautista.

*Glass Onion: A Knives Out Mystery* will be released in select theaters on a to be announced date and globally on Netflix December 23, 2022.

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#### **About Mill Valley Film Festival**

Presented by the California Film Institute, the 45th Mill Valley Film Festival runs October 6-16, 2022. MVFF is an acclaimed eleven-day cinema event celebrating the best in American independent and world cinema. Located just north of San Francisco, the Festival is known as a filmmakers' festival and the West Coast launch pad for many Academy Award®-winning films. MVFF has earned a reputation for launching new films and creating awards season buzz. The festival welcomes more than 200 filmmakers representing more than 50 countries annually.

#### **About California Film Institute**

The California Film Institute (CAFILM) 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, now in its 45th year, DocLands Documentary Film Festival, and the ongoing cultivation of the next generation of filmmakers and film lovers through CAFILM Education. CAFILM Education features a broad range of activities, including screenings, Q&A sessions, seminars with top international & local filmmakers and industry professionals, and a rich program of classes and hands-on-workshops. Additionally, CAFILM 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 CAFILM to touch 275,000 guests throughout the year with films and events that entertain and address a breadth of social, environmental, and cultural issues. CAFILM is also the majority owner of the Sequoia Theater in Mill Valley, California. CAFILM relies on the generosity of its community to sustain these core programs; the invaluable support of our sponsors, foundations, individual donors, and members ensures our continued success. For more information visit [cafilm.org](http://cafilm.org).

The California Film Institute and the Mill Valley Film Festival are located in Marin County, California, on the traditional, ancestral, and contemporary homelands of the Coast Miwok, Pomo, and Wappo peoples. This includes the Southern Pomo and Graton Rancheria Tribes. These tribes were removed or displaced from their lands. We recognize this history and the harm to present-day Coast Miwok, Pomo, and Wappo peoples and to their ancestors. The California Film Institute commits to moving forward from a place of authenticity and working with present-day tribes to elevate their stories, history, and present-day legacy through film.

#### **Supporters**

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##### **45th Mill Valley Film Festival**

Celebrating the best of independent and world cinema alongside high profile and prestigious award contenders.

**Thursday, October 6 to Sunday October 16, 2022**

##### **Ticket On-Sale Dates**

General Public Single Tickets on sale Monday, September 13, 2022

CFI members can purchase single tickets in advance of the public beginning Friday, September 9, 2022

##### **MVFF45 Bay Area Screening Venues:**

San Rafael:	Christopher B. Smith Rafael Film Center – October 6 – 16, 2022
Mill Valley:	CinéArts Sequoia – October 6 – 16, 2022
Larkspur:	Lark Theater – October 8 & 9 + October 15 & 16, 2022
Berkeley:	Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive – October 8 - 16, 2022
San Francisco:	The Roxie Theater – October 15 & 16, 2022

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