

**MEDIA RELEASE**

**NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE**  
**JACK HUSTON'S DAY OF THE FIGHT**  
TO OPEN THE 46<sup>TH</sup> MILL VALLEY FILM FESTIVAL  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2023

**WRITER/DIRECTOR JACK HUSTON TO ATTEND**



San Rafael, CA (DATE) – Mark Fishkin, Mill Valley Film Festival Founder/Director, is excited to announce the North American Premiere of Jack Huston's directorial debut, **DAY OF THE FIGHT**, starring Michael Pitt, Ron Perlman, Joe Pesci, and Nicolette Robinson to open the 46<sup>th</sup> edition of the Mill Valley Film Festival. Huston's multifaceted talents converge not only as a director but also as an insightful writer and co-producer to craft a mesmerizing tale weaving a gripping narrative around a once-triumphant boxer who takes a journey through his past and present on the day of his first fight since leaving prison.

**MVFF46 Opening Night // DAY OF THE FIGHT**

**Thursday, October 5 • 7:00 PM**

CinéArts Sequoia in Mill Valley (25 Throckmorton Ave.)  
Smith Rafael Film Center in San Rafael (1118 Fourth Street)

General Public Single Tickets on sale Tuesday, September 12, 2023  
CFI members can purchase single tickets in advance of the public beginning Friday, September 8, 2023

**DAY OF THE FIGHT**

On the day of his first fight since leaving prison, Mikey, a once celebrated boxer, takes a redemptive journey through his past and present. Over the course of the day, Mikey visits influential figures from his life, encouraging him to overcome his checkered past. After a fight for the ages at Madison Square Garden, a twist of events reveals that this day was never really about boxing for Mikey. This is an underdog story built on introspection, self-sacrifice, and forgiveness which asks the question: how far are we willing to go for the ones we love?



**Jack Huston** has distinguished himself as one of our industry's finest talents in front and behind the camera in film, television, and theatre.

As an actor, up next, Huston is set to star opposite Nicole Kidman in the upcoming Amazon series *EXPATS*, the adaptation of Janice Y.K. Lee's novel, directed by Lulu Wang (*THE FAREWELL*).

Most recently, Huston can be seen in AMC's *Mayfair Witches* alongside Alexandra Daddario. Huston stars as Lasher, described as "a powerful, shape-shifting entity who has been bound to the Mayfair witches for hundreds of years." The series is based on Anne Rice's "Lives of the Mayfair Witches" trilogy and was recently renewed for Season 2. Before that, Huston can be seen opposite Adam Driver and Lady Gaga in Ridley Scott's *House of Gucci*, which premiered in November 2021 and received wide acclaim, including a SAG nomination in the category of "Outstanding Performance by a Cast in a Motion Picture." In film, Huston appeared in *The Irishman* for Martin Scorsese opposite Robert De Niro and Al Pacino and opposite Alicia Vikander and Riley Keough in *The Earthquake Bird* directed by Wash Westmoreland, both for Netflix. Huston's additional credits include Matthew Weiner's *The Romanoffs* on Amazon, the award-winning film *American Hustle* with Jennifer Lawrence (which earned him a SAG Award for "Outstanding Performance by a Cast in a Motion Picture"), *Kill Your Darlings* for Sony Pictures Classics, David Chase's *Not Fade Away* for Paramount Pictures with James Gandolfini, Philip Noyces' *Above Suspicion* opposite Emilia Clarke, Billie August's *Night Train to Lisbon* with Jeremy Irons and the Lionsgate's social thriller *Antebellum* with Janelle Monae. Huston recently wrapped production on *I'm Beginning to See the Light*, Russian filmmaker Konstantin Khudiyakov's first English-language feature as well as in Andy Tennant's thriller *Unit 234*.

On television, Huston first gained recognition for his portrayal of 'Richard Harrow in HBO's Emmy award-winning series, *Boardwalk Empire*, for which he earned a SAG Award for "Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Drama Series." In 2020, Huston was seen on television in Noah Hawley's award-winning series *Fargo* on FX and *Manhunt: Deadly Games* with Paul Bettany and Sam Worthington on Discovery. In theatre, Huston starred in Hitchcock's classic, *Strangers on A Train* produced by Barbara Broccoli for London's West End. Born in London, Huston attended the drama institute Hurtwood House.

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

Presented by the California Film Institute (CAFILM), the 46th Mill Valley Film Festival runs October 5-15, 2023. MVFF is a significant cultural cinema event in the San Francisco Bay Area. It has gained international recognition for its commitment to showcasing exceptional films, supporting emerging talent, and fostering creative dialogue. Over the years, it has hosted renowned filmmakers, actors, and industry professionals, establishing its reputation as the West Coast launch pad for many Academy Award-winning films and a hub for cinematic excellence.

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

The California Film Institute (CAFILM) is a non-profit organization that celebrates and promotes film and media arts through its renowned programs, which include the Mill Valley Film Festival and DocLands Documentary Film Festival. CAFILM fosters the next generation of filmmakers and film lovers through CAFILM Education, offering a wide range of activities, including screenings, Q&A sessions, seminars, and a rich program of classes and hands-on workshops led by international & local filmmakers and industry professionals. The Christopher B. Smith Rafael Film Center, one of the leading non-profit independent theaters in the country, serves as a year-round hub for cinema-centric programming. CAFILM utilizes the power of storytelling through film to entertain and address social, environmental, and cultural issues, reaching 275,000 guests annually. Additionally, CAFILM is the majority owner of the Sequoia Theater in downtown Mill Valley. The organization relies on the generosity of its community; the invaluable support from our sponsors, foundations, individual donors, and members ensures our ability to sustain these vital programs. For more information, visit [cafilm.org](#).

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**46<sup>th</sup> Mill Valley Film Festival**

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

**Thursday, October 5 to Sunday, October 15, 2023**

**Ticket On-Sale Dates**

Advance Ticket Packages and Passes on sale Monday, August 7, 2023

General Public Single Tickets on sale Tuesday, September 12, 2023

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**MVFF46 Bay Area Screening Venues:**

San Rafael: Christopher B. Smith Rafael Film Center – October 5 – 15, 2023

Mill Valley: CinéArts Sequoia – October 5 – 15, 2023

Larkspur: Lark Theater –October 13 -15, 2023

Berkeley: Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive – October 6, 7, & 8 and October 13 & 14, 2023

San Francisco: The Roxie Theater – October 9 & 10, 2023