

# MILL VALLEY FILM FESTIVAL OCT 3-13 2024

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## MILL VALLEY FILM FESTIVAL TO HONOR JUDE LAW WITH SPECIAL TRIBUTE



June 13, 2024 (San Rafael, CA) —The California Film Institute (CAFILM) is honored to announce a Tribute to the remarkable contributions of esteemed BAFTA-winning and Oscar-nominated actor Jude Law at the 47<sup>th</sup> Mill Valley Film Festival (October 3 – 13, 2024). Law will be on hand for this special onstage conversation and presentation of the MVFF Award.

“Jude Law’s striking performance in his new film *Firebrand* is a reminder of his extraordinary career, one that defies pigeonholing with roles that are romantic and iconic, edgy and seductive, encompassing the queer, historic and fantastical,” said MVFF Director of Programming Zoë Elton. “From his early work on television and stage, including a Tony-nominated performance in *Indiscretions*, to acclaimed films like *Wilde* and *Gattaca*, Law has consistently showcased his versatile talent. He has taken on diverse roles, learning ballet for *A.I.: Artificial Intelligence* and saxophone for *The Talented Mr. Ripley*, for which he earned his first Oscar nomination.”

In the realm of cinema, few actors possess the captivating allure and versatile talent quite like Jude Law. With a career spanning decades, Law has left an indelible mark on the landscape of film, enchanting audiences with his magnetic presence and commanding performances. This tribute will revisit key moments from his films and examine his unique portrayal of Henry VIII in *Firebrand*, a testament to his remarkable and diverse career.

Jude Law, a BAFTA winner and Oscar®, Tony®, and Olivier Award-nominated actor, has had a prolific career spanning three decades. Known for his distinguished and immersive performances, Law's work includes both independent films and major productions. He has collaborated with esteemed directors such as Anthony Minghella, Martin Scorsese, and Steven Soderbergh. Some of his notable roles include "Dickie Greenleaf" in *The Talented Mr. Ripley*, "Albus Dumbledore" in the *Fantastic Beasts* series, and "Dr. Watson" in Guy Ritchie's *Sherlock Holmes* franchise. Law's performances have earned him multiple award nominations and significant box-office success.

Beyond acting, Law co-founded with creative partner Ben Jackson Riff Raff Entertainment Ltd. and established himself as a producer of note, developing material from the ground up stemming from a desire to entertain, challenge, and inform through inspired and fresh storytelling. Under his Riff Raff banner, Law has produced notable films including *True Things*, *Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow*, and *Sleuth*.

In 2024 in addition to *Firebrand*, Law leads the Disney+ series *Star Wars: Skeleton Crew*, Ron Howard's *Eden*, and Justin Kurzel's *The Order*, also produced by Riff Raff. He is currently in production on the Netflix series *Black Rabbit*, in which he stars opposite Jason Bateman, who also directs, and executive produces under Riff Raff.

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Inaugurated in 2007, the Mill Valley Film Festival Award is a specially designed bronze sculpture created by Mill Valley artist Alice Corning, each one individually cast for the recipient and a numbered, limited edition. The MVFF Award is presented to the recipients of Tributes and Spotlights, MVFF's special programs honoring and celebrating the work of distinguished artists and innovators in the filmmaking community. Corning says of her artwork, "The purpose is to show the power and dignity of a human being...as it is with great work in film."

**About Mill Valley Film Festival**

Presented by the California Film Institute (CAFILM), the 47th Mill Valley Film Festival runs October 3-13, 2024. 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, further establishing its reputation as the West Coast launch pad for many Academy Award®-winning films and a hub for cinematic excellence.

**About the California Film Institute**

The California Film Institute (CAFILM) is a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing film and media arts through acclaimed programs like the Mill Valley Film Festival and DocLands Documentary Film Festival. CAFILM Education provides students of all ages with opportunities to learn about the world through the art of film and filmmaking. Our premier independent theater, the Christopher B. Smith Rafael Film Center, engages over 275,000 guests annually with compelling cinema and storytelling on pressing social, environmental, and cultural issues. Additionally, CAFILM now owns and operates the Sequoia Cinema, reinforcing our commitment to preserving cinematic heritage and access to fine films locally. The organization relies on the generosity of its community; the invaluable support from our sponsors, foundations, donors, and members ensures our ability to continue expanding and sustaining our vital programs. Join us in celebrating, exploring, and championing the art of film. For more information, visit [cafilm.org](#).

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