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**THE CALIFORNIA FILM INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES  
THREE CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED FILMS  
SET TO SCREEN AT THE 37<sup>TH</sup> MILL VALLEY FILM FESTIVAL**

**SAN RAFAEL, Calif.** (August 14, 2014) - Returning for its 37th year, the Mill Valley Film Festival (MVFF), presented annually by the California Film Institute (CFI), will be held Thursday, October 2 – Sunday, October 12, 2014. Internationally recognized for showcasing the best in independent and world cinema, every fall thousands of festival attendees flock to Marin County for 11 days of films, panel discussions, and musical performances. The Mill Valley Film Festival provides attendees with a chance to catch an early glimpse of Academy Award® contenders and discover some of the best films from around the world. Five out of the last six Academy Award winners for Best Picture (SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE, THE KING'S SPEECH, THE ARTIST, ARGO and 12 YEARS A SLAVE) made their Bay Area premieres at the Festival.

The Mill Valley Film Festival is pleased to confirm three critically acclaimed feature films set to appear in the World Cinema line-up. The complete schedule for the 37th Mill Valley Film Festival will be announced and available online at [www.MVFF.com](http://www.MVFF.com) on Tuesday, September 9, 2014.

Early confirmed World Cinema films for the 2014 MVFF include:

***Charlie's Country***/Australia (Director and Screenwriter: Rolf de Heer, Screenwriter: David Gulpilil)— This third collaboration between de Heer and actor David Gulpilil extends the director's commitment to exploring Australian Aboriginal culture. "It's the most affecting depiction of contemporary Aboriginal experience since Sampson & Delilah" (*The Hollywood Reporter*). Actor and Screenwriter David Gulpilil took home the *Un Certain Regard* award for Best Actor at the 2014 Cannes Film Festival. *Cast: David Gulpilil, Peter Djigirr, Luke Ford, Jennifer Budukpuduk and Peter Minygululu.*

***Diplomacy***/France (Director and Screenwriter: Volker Schlöndorff, Screenwriter: Cyril Gely)— The big screen adaptation of the theater play of the same name by Cyril Gely. A historical drama that depicts the relationship between Dietrich Von Choltitz, the German military governor of occupied Paris, and Swedish consul general Raoul Nordling. (IMDb) Originally premiered in The Berlin International Film Festival's Special Gala section. *Cast: André Dussollier, Niels Arestrup, Burghart Klaussner, Robert Stadlober and Charlie Nelson.*

***Timbuktu***/France (Director and Screenwriter: Abderrahmane Sissako, Screenwriter: Kessan Tall)— Recounting events influenced by a public stoning of an unmarried couple, the film takes place during the Jihadist take over in Mali in 2012. The film premiered in the main competition section at the 2014 Cannes Film Festival, where it won the Prize of the Ecumenical Jury and the Francois Chalais Prize. *Cast: Ibrahim Ahmed aka Pino, Abel Jafri, Toulou Kiki, Kettly Noël and Hichem Yacoubi.*



### **About the 37th Mill Valley Film Festival**

Presented by the California Film Institute, the 37th Mill Valley Film Festival runs October 2-12, 2014 at the CinéArts@Sequoia (25 Throckmorton Ave., Mill Valley), Christopher B. Smith Rafael Film Center (1118 Fourth Street, San Rafael), and other venues 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. MVFF welcomes more than 200 filmmakers representing more than 50 countries.

Tickets are \$14.00 (CFI Members, \$11.50), unless otherwise noted and are available for purchase by the general public on September 14, 2014.

CFI members have an opportunity to purchase tickets prior to the general on-sale date by level beginning on the following dates:

- September 7 –Premier Patron Members and above
- September 8 – Director’s Circle Members
- September 9 – Gold Star Members
- September 11 – Film Fan and Associate Members

For tickets and additional information, please visit [www.mvff.com](http://www.mvff.com) or call 877.874.MVFF (6833).

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

The non-profit California Film Institute celebrates and promotes film as art and education through the presentation of the Mill Valley Film Festival and year-round exhibitions at the Christopher B. Smith Rafael Film Center, film distribution by CFI Releasing, and building the next generation of filmmakers and audiences through the CFI Education program. For more information visit [www.cafilm.org](http://www.cafilm.org) or call (415) 383-5256.

### **Supporters**

As a nonprofit arts organization, CFI relies on the generosity of its community to sustain not only the Festival, but also the year-round programs of the Christopher B. Smith Rafael Film Center and CFI Education. The invaluable support of our sponsors, foundations, and individual donors ensures our continued success as we celebrate our 37th year.

CFI is once again proud to acknowledge the leadership support of Christopher B. and Jeannie Meg Smith, and the continued major support of Jennifer Coslett MacCready, Ken and Jackie Broad Family Fund, The Bernard Osher Foundation, the Gruber Family Foundation, the Marin Community Foundation, the Christine Zecca Foundation and the Horace W. Goldsmith Foundation. We are also fortunate to have the contributions of the following Major Sponsors of the Mill Valley Film Festival: Wells Fargo, Sharp Electronics, Delta Airlines, Lucasfilm, Ltd., Maroevich, O’Shea & Coghlan Insurance Services, Frantoio Ristorante and Olive Oil Co., Zaentz Media Center/A Wareham and Development.

### **For Calendar Editors**

#### **The 37th Mill Valley Film Festival**

**One of the Nation’s Top 10 Film Festivals, celebrating the Best of Independent and World Cinema  
Marin County, California**

**Thursday, October 2 through Sunday, October 12, 2014**

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

For CFI Members: Starts Sunday, September 7, 2014 (dates vary by level)

For the General Public: Sunday, September 14, 2014

[www.MVFF.com](http://www.MVFF.com), [www.CAFilm.org](http://www.CAFilm.org)