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SAN RAFAEL, Calif. (August 26, 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 at the 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 premiere at the Festival.

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Special Events

Active Cinema Nature Hike

Join Festival Staff and guests for a nature hike through beautiful Mill Valley on Saturday, October TBD, 10:30am-12:30pm

- Meet at the Tennessee Valley trailhead at 10:15 am. Bring water, sunscreen, and good hiking shoes. Light snacks will be provided.
- Get some fresh air and connect with filmmakers, friends and cinephiles during an hour-long hike through beautiful terrain.

Active Cinema Panel

Details TBD

Active Cinema Films

Capturing Grace/USA (Director: David Iverson) -- This inside look at a unique dance program for adults with Parkinson's, led by a former company member of the Mark Morris Dance Group, challenges our expectations about illness and art. *World Premiere*

Finding the Gold Within/USA (Director: Karina Epperlein) -- Bay Area filmmaker Karina Epperlein follows six black college freshmen, alumni of the unique Ohio mentoring program Alchemy, Inc., and well-equipped with self-confidence and critical-thinking skills, as they leave home for the first time. *Cast: Kwame Scruggs, Jerry Kwame Williams, Darius Simpson, Brandyn Costa, Stacey Starr, Shawntrail Smith. World Premiere*

Gardeners of Eden/USA/ Kenya (Directors: Austin Peck, Anneliese Vandenberg) -- Even in Kenya's Tsavo East National Park, elephants are killed by poachers for their tusks. This beautifully photographed film depicts the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust's efforts to care for the orphaned babies and eventually reintroduce them to the wild. *Cast: Dame Daphne Sheldrick, Julius Shivenga, Nick Trent. World Premiere*

How I Got Over/USA (Director: Nicole Boxer) -- Nicole Boxer's documentary follows a group of women all residents of Washington, DC, recovery community N Street Village as they prepare to turn their harrowing life stories into a theater piece that will be performed at the Kennedy Center.



In Plain Sight/USA/ India/ Guana/ Tibet (Director: Erica Jordan) -- Director Erica Jordan follows humanitarian photographer Lisa Kristine as she travels to the largest red-light district in Kolkata, India, to shoot portraits of enslaved women just a few of the millions of victims of slavery Kristine has made it her mission to document. *World Premiere*

The War Photographers/USA (Director: Steven Kochones) -- Photojournalists who cover war zones recount their experiences through interviews and gripping imagery, revealing stories of sacrifice, courage, and the emotional toll they and their subjects endured. *Cast: Alexandra Avakian, Carolyn Cole, Ashley Gilbertson, Edouard H.R. Gluck, David Hume Kennerly, Joao Silva. Bay Area Premiere*

Racing to Zero: In Pursuit of Zero Waste/USA (Director: Christopher Beaver) -- Meet the everyday heroes enthusiastically leading the way to reduce, reuse, and recycle.

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 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 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.

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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 Date

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

For the General Public: Sunday, September 14, 2014

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