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**STARS INCLUDING IDRIS ELBA, TILDA SWINTON AND STEVE MCQUEEN COME
OUT IN SUPPORT OF BFI'S "BACK THE FUTURE" FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN**



Oscar®-winning actor **Tilda Swinton**, Guest Speaker at this year's LUMINOUS gala at the BFI National Archive, August 2017.

LUMINOUS CHARITY AUCTION - BIDDING OPENS TODAY FOR:

- **PRIVATE TOUR OF THE BFI NATIONAL ARCHIVE BY MARTIN SCORSESE'S OSCAR®-WINNER EDITOR THELMA SCHOONMAKER**
- **SET VISIT TO BBC DRAMA 'A VERY ENGLISH SCANDAL', STARRING HUGH GRANT**
 - **PRIVATE SCREENING WITH 'BABY DRIVER' DIRECTOR EDGAR WRIGHT**
 - **EXCLUSIVE BOOK READING BY DAVID WALLIAMS**
 - **PERSONAL TOUR WITH ANDY SERKIS OF HIS IMAGINARIUM STUDIO**
 - **DINNER AND A CHELSEA MATCH WITH SEBASTIAN COE AND MUCH, MUCH MORE...**

*All proceeds to support **BACK THE FUTURE**, raising vital funds to ensure the talent of tomorrow is inspired and given the opportunities to succeed in film*

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12PM, London, Monday 18 September 2017: **Idris Elba, Tilda Swinton** and **Steve McQueen** are among the leading lights from the world of film lending their support to the BFI's ambitious new fundraising campaign, **BACK THE FUTURE**, which will ensure it can invest in the talent of tomorrow through film education. The BFI **LUMINOUS** online auction is now available to bidders across the globe, offering exclusive, bespoke and truly money-can't-buy experiences and unique prizes. Open now at www.bfiLuminousAuction.com, the online auction closes at noon on 3 October 2017.

LUMINOUS, the BFI's biennial fundraising gala presented in partnership with IWC Schaffhausen, welcomes **Tilda Swinton** as its special Guest Speaker and will again be hosted by **Jonathan Ross** in the Gothic splendor of the Guildhall in London on **3 October 2017**. It will see the most celebrated figures in the world of film and television come together to raise funds for the year-long campaign, which has film's next generation at its heart. **BACK THE FUTURE** will raise vital funds to enable the BFI to inspire the young people today, giving them the opportunities to grow and succeed through film.

Actor, director **Idris Elba**, comments: *"Ultimately, what is film for but education? Every time you sit down to watch something, whatever it may be, you're learning – not just about the world around you, but about yourself. The BFI sees moving image as a wonderful tool for self-expression, and through it, people learn to engage with film in so many amazing ways. Without their efforts, the landscape of our industry would be much more barren."*

Oscar®-winning filmmaker **Steve McQueen** comments: *"Film needs new voices in order to reflect our richly varied, diverse and challenging society. It is crucial for our culture to be a representative one, and for the stories people see to resonate deeply with them. We must support the BFI, whose education programmes widen access to film, and enable more people to share their stories."*

Other **LUMINOUS** Gala Champions proudly supporting the campaign are **Florence Pugh, Michael Sheen, Romola Garai, Tuppence Middleton, David Morrissey, Paul Greengrass, Julian Fellowes, Francis Lee** plus many others.

****Additional quotes from LUMINOUS Champions in Notes to Editors below**

Amanda Nevill, CEO of the BFI, said: *"We are blessed with fantastic supporters who believe, like we do, that everyone deserves the chance to enjoy and get involved with film, in whatever way they choose. In fact, they know that the future of film depends on the work we do to find and support young people with a will and talent, wherever they live, and make it possible for them to pursue a career in film. It always amazes me how readily our generous supporters, film lovers and filmmakers come together, roll up their sleeves, to work with us to put on the most fun, entertaining, exciting and glamorous fundraising gala – **LUMINOUS**. AND just look at the auction lots...an amazing array of money-can't-buy things and experiences which everyone across the UK can bid for, knowing that every penny helps us #backthefuture."*

LUMINOUS's charity auction is led by renowned Sotheby's auctioneer Lord Dalmeny. The auction contains over 40 extraordinary prizes and is open to bidders all over the world. Auction lot highlights include:

Live Auction – with opportunity for submitting absentee bids in advance

- Share a **private double-bill with Edgar Wright** at one of the BFI's private screening rooms, as Edgar selects two of his favourite films for you and your guests to watch with him
- A unique opportunity for one lucky London-area school to receive a **private reading and Q&A** from best-selling author, actor and comedian **David Walliams**
- A chance to embrace your inner Gollum or Caesar with this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to go behind-the-scenes and **visit the wonderful world of The Imaginarium Studios with Andy Serkis** as your host at **Ealing Studios** and learn first-hand about the craft behind performance capture technology

- Chance to own a unique and limited edition **IWC Pilot's Watch Spitfire Chronograph Edition 'BFI London Film Festival'** from Swiss luxury watch manufacturer **IWC Schaffhausen**. One of only 60 to have been manufactured, each model is numbered on the caseback, alongside the inscription 'BFI Film Forever'.
- Experience the world-class **Abu Dhabi Formula One** race as a true VIP, arriving in style with two first class return flights on Etihad Airways, staying at the 5-star St. Regis Hotel Abu Dhabi for four nights and enjoying the spectacle a private box at Yas Marina Circuit

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- **A private tour the BFI National Archive in Berkhamsted with legendary three-time Academy Award-winning film editor Thelma Schoonmaker** (*Goodfellas*, *The Departed*) offering a rare insight into the BFI's preservation and restoration work with a chance to take a closer look at some of the Archive's crown jewels, including the special collection of stills, posters, design, ephemera and correspondence from Schoonmaker's late husband, director Michael Powell (*A Matter of Life & Death*, *The Red Shoes*, *Peeping Tom*).
- The opportunity to **rub shoulders with the stars of this year's BFI London Film Festival in partnership with American Express®** at the **red carpet ceremony and Festival Awards Dinner on 14 October** with a host of film luminaries for the winners' announcement.
- Find out the similarities between making an IWC Schaffhausen watch and engineering an F1 vehicle during an **exclusive day experience at Mercedes F1 HQ in Brackley**, and come away with a pair of racing gloves signed by legendary **Lewis Hamilton**
- A chance to **spend an afternoon with Sebastian Coe**, former chairman of LOCOG and current president of the IAAF, **including lunch at his favourite restaurant L'Antico and an opportunity to join him at Stamford Bridge to watch Chelsea play**.
- Own a pair of James Bond's cufflinks designed by Tom Ford and worn by Daniel Craig in *Skyfall*, as well as a handmade mask and headdress worn in the Day of the Dead parade sequence in *Spectre*.
- **Set visit to Stephen Frears' hotly anticipated BBC drama, A Very English Scandal**, adapted from John Preston's hit 2016 novel set in the murky world of Westminster politics, **with Hugh Grant** starring as disgraced Liberal leader, Jeremy Thorpe.
- An exclusive opportunity for you and your family to **walk the red carpet** and join the cast and crew for the **Leicester Square premiere of Aardman and Studiocanal's latest animated feature Early Man**, featuring the voices of Eddie Redmayne, Tom Hiddleston, Maisie Williams and Timothy Spall, in January 2018. **Limited edition reproduction prints from the BFI National Archive collections, including two of Julie Harris's Oscar®-winning costume designs for Julie Christie in Darling**, epitomizing Swinging Sixties London cool.

As British film enjoys unprecedented success at home and around the world, the BFI's commitment to supporting this success is stronger than ever. Ensuring the talent of tomorrow, regardless of their background, are given opportunities to enjoy, engage with, learn from, or to find a career in film, is fundamental to the BFI's work. As the funding environment for arts organisations remains challenging, LUMINOUS and the BACK THE FUTURE campaign, alongside continued support from government, are key to ensuring the talent of tomorrow is inspired and given opportunities to grow and succeed.

LUMINOUS 2017 follows the hugely successful and star-studded LUMINOUS gala in 2015, which raised over £430,000 towards the BFI National Archive and saw stars including Tom Hiddleston, the late Sir John Hurt, Steve Coogan, Anna Friel, Lily Cole, Geena Davis, Dame Joan Collins, Natascha McElhone, Terry Gilliam, Jonathan Pryce, Jenna Coleman and Julian Fellowes attending and offering their support.

IWC Schaffhausen CEO, Christoph Grainger-Herr comments: *"The worlds of film and fine watchmaking have much in common: both are based on storytelling, craftsmanship, meticulous attention to detail and creativity. For many years, IWC Schaffhausen has shown its passion for cinema through the support of leading international film festivals like our partnership with the BFI London Film Festival. We at IWC consider filmmaking an integral part of cultural*

creation and our priority is the promotion and support of up-and-coming filmmakers – whether they be directors or writers – and their projects.”

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A selection of images for journalistic use in promoting the LUMINOUS auction lots can be found at www.image.net under BFI / LUMINOUS / Auction images

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NOTES TO EDITORS

****Comments from BFI LUMINOUS 2017 Champions**

Actor **David Morrissey** comments: “Film education, in all its forms, deserves pride of place in the classroom and beyond. What other medium has the same potential as the moving image to inspire minds and ignite passions? If we are to truly back the future, we must have faith in the power of film, both in and of itself and as a tool for teaching all manner of subjects.”

Actor **Romola Garai** comments “It is such an honour to support the BFI's BACK THE FUTURE campaign as they work to revolutionise our industry and make it as inclusive, accessible and filled with the greatest talent from the widest possible pool in our society. Hopefully, with campaigns such as this, no one will ever feel the doors to our industry are closed to them.”

Director **Paul Greengrass** comments: “BACK THE FUTURE is a vital new BFI initiative that aims to educate and nurture tomorrow’s filmmakers. If we are to build tomorrow's accessible and diverse film community, it's vital that we find and encourage new talent from all backgrounds and in every part of our country, and give them the best possible platform from which to tell their stories. These filmmakers of the future will help guide us in the years ahead, telling us stories of who we were, are and are to become. There is no more important task...”

Actor **Michael Sheen** comments: “Think of all the films yet to be that will change our lives, change our children's lives, shape who we are and who we can become. That can only happen if we support and encourage the filmmakers of our future. The more we can do that now, the richer and more meaningful all our futures can become.”

Actor **Tuppence Middleton** comments: “Every year I am in awe of the talent that emerges from this country. The BFI’s BACK THE FUTURE initiative will be an essential and exciting way to empower aspiring directors, writers and auteurs, and to support the undiscovered new voices of cinema. Not everyone follows or has access to a traditional route into the film industry, therefore I am so pleased to support the BFI's campaign to inspire, encourage and develop a creative platform for our next generation of filmmakers. I look forward to hearing so many different stories and watching young talent from all over the country thrive and experiment under the guidance of such an admired and influential establishment as the BFI.”

Actor **Florence Pugh** comments: “Working in film is an incredible privilege. Every corner of our industry is filled with talented people doing a staggering variety of things, each with a common goal. Still, though, this world can be opaque to those seeking to enter it. Through the BFI, young people with a passion for film are given the tools they

need to succeed and get ahead in an industry that can all too often seem dauntingly inaccessible. These initiatives need both our celebration and our support.”

Writer, director **Julian Fellowes** comments: “The moving image is one of the mainstays of our world's culture. Over the past century it has entertained, informed and changed us. Watching and learning from films and television is a sometimes joyful but always enriching experience, and it is an experience that should be available to everyone. Education programmes at the BFI inspire the minds that will shape the future of film and, needless to say, it is our duty to make sure these initiatives are a success.”

Filmmaker **Francis Lee** comments: “It is vitally important new filmmakers are supported through initiatives such as BACK THE FUTURE from the BFI. All film talent, regardless of background and privilege, should have the opportunity to find support to continue to grow and develop their skill.”

FULL LIST OF LUMINOUS GALA CHAMPIONS 2017

John Boyega
Sir Michael Caine
Terence Davies
Idris Elba
Julian Fellowes
Ralph Fiennes
Colin Firth
Romola Garai
Terry Gilliam
Hugh Grant
Paul Greengrass
Tom Hiddleston
Francis Lee
Damian Lewis
Gugu Mbatha-Raw
Helen McCrory

Steve McQueen
Tuppence Middleton
Sienna Miller
Peter Morgan
David Morrissey
David Oyelowo
Rosamund Pike
Florence Pugh
Nicolas Roeg
Michael Sheen
Thelma Schoonmaker
Andy Serkis
Jeremy Thomas
David Walliams
Ben Wheatley
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BFI LUMINOUS

The BFI's biennial fundraising gala, LUMINOUS in partnership with IWC Schaffhausen, is raising vital funds for the BFI to inspire and nurture film's next generation. The BFI delivers specialist education and skills development programmes which work to discover and develop the filmmakers of tomorrow and enable access to the very best opportunities, training and advice to enter the industry. At the heart of all the BFI's work is the BFI National Archive, one of the world's richest film and television collections and a unique and incredibly valued resource for new and emerging talent.

BACK THE FUTURE

A year-long fundraising campaign, BACK THE FUTURE, aims to raise £1 million to ensure film's next generation is inspired and given opportunities to grow and succeed. The BFI drives the future of film in the UK and its role is to look forward and shape the film culture of tomorrow by investing in the passion of young people today. Everyone, everywhere, deserves the opportunity to enjoy, learn from, and take their place in film, in whatever way they choose. Delivering education programmes is a serious commitment, it requires skilled leadership, specialist facilities and tailored programmes. As a charity, the BFI relies on its supporters to deliver this meaningful work, and ensuring young people across the UK have the BFI behind them, and know that for them, and for anyone, anything is possible.

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About the BFI

The BFI is the lead body for film in the UK with the ambition to create a flourishing film environment in which innovation, opportunity and creativity can thrive by:

- Connecting audiences to the widest choice of British and World cinema
- Preserving and restoring the most significant film collection in the world for today and future generations
- Championing emerging and world class film makers in the UK - investing in creative, distinctive and entertaining work

- Promoting British film and talent to the world
- Growing the next generation of film makers and audiences

The BFI is a Government arm's-length body and distributor of Lottery funds for film. The BFI serves a public role which covers the cultural, creative and economic aspects of film in the UK. It delivers this role:

- As the UK-wide organisation for film, a charity core funded by Government
- By providing Lottery and Government funds for film across the UK
- By working with partners to advance the position of film in the UK.

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