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# INTERNATIONAL FILMMAKERS & STARS COME OUT FOR THE 60<sup>TH</sup> BFI LONDON FILM FESTIVAL MORE TICKETS RELEASED: 29 SEPTEMBER

- Casey Affleck and Michelle Williams (MANCHESTER BY THE SEA); Sigourney Weaver and Liam Neeson (A MONSTER CALLS) amongst newly announced guests for Headline Galas
- Acting and Performing talent recently confirmed include Miles Teller, Aaron Eckhart (BLEED FOR THIS); Riz Ahmed, Cush Jumbo (CITY OF TINY LIGHTS); Isabelle Huppert (ELLE, SOUVENIR); Jim Broadbent, Brenda Blethyn, Luke Treadaway (ETHEL & ERNEST); Christopher Lloyd (I AM NOT A SERIAL KILER); Ellie Kendrick (THE LEVELLING); Natascha McElhone, Jonathan Rhys Meyers, Dougray Scott (LONDON TOWN); Julian Barrett, Essie Davis (MINDHORN); James Lavelle (THE MAN FROM MO'WAX); Wolf Alice (ON THE ROAD); Cai Guo-Qiang (SKY LADDER: THE ART OF CAI GUO-QIANG); Neneh Cherry (STOCKHOLM MY LOVE); Michael Fassbender (TRESPASS AGAINST US)
- Leading world filmmakers newly revealed to attend include Buddhadeb Dasgupta (THE BAIT); Paul Schrader (DOG EAT DOG); Cristian Mungiu (GRADUATION); Douglas Gordon (I HAD NOWHERE TO GO); Anne Fontaine (THE INNOCENTS); Christopher Guest (MASCOTS); Michael Winterbottom (ON THE ROAD); Olivier Assayas (PERSONAL SHOPPER); Alison Maclean (THE REHEARSAL); Jim Sheridan (THE SECRET SCRIPTURE); So Yong Kim (LOVESONG); Jean-Pierre Dardenne, Luc Dardenne (THE UNKNOWN GIRL)

**London, 27 September, 2016** - The 60<sup>th</sup> BFI London Film Festival in partnership with American Express<sup>®</sup> today announce more filmmakers and stars attending this years' Festival with final line-up to be confirmed on Tuesday 4 October, ahead of Opening Night on Wednesday.

Updated and confirmed line-ups for Headline Galas are:

A UNITED KINGDOM: Jack Davenport, Arnold Oceng and James Northcote join Amma Asante, David Oyelowo, Rosamund Pike and Laura Carmichael; FREE FIRE: Armie Hammer, Babou Ceesay, Enzo Cilenti, Sam Riley, Michael Smiley, Noah Taylor join Ben Wheatley, Cillian Murphy, Sharlto Copley and Jack Reynor; LION: Divian Ladwa and screenwriter Luke Davies join Nicole Kidman and Dev Patel; THE BIRTH OF A NATION: Nate Parker; LA LA LAND: Damien Chazelle; MANCHESTER BY THE SEA: Casey Affleck and Michelle Williams join director Kenneth Lonergan; A MONSTER CALLS: Sigourney Weaver and Liam Neeson join Lewis MacDougall and director J.A. Bayona; NOCTURNAL

ANIMALS: **Aaron Taylor-Johnson** joins director Tom Ford; QUEEN OF KATWE: Mira Nair, Lupita Nyong'o, David Oyelowo and Madina Nalwanga; SNOWDEN: Oliver Stone, Joely Richardson and THEIR FINEST: **Bill Nighy** and **Rachael Stirling** join Gemma Arterton, Sam Claflin, and director Lone Scherfig.

# SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

13<sup>TH</sup>: Ava DuVernay (Virtual Q&A); AMERICAN HONEY: Andrea Arnold, Sasha Lane; ASCENT: Fiona Tan; IT'S ONLY THE END OF THE WORLD: Xavier Dolan.

# STRAND GALAS

MIRZYA (Love): Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra, Saiyami Kher, Harshvardhan Kapoor; THE HANDMAIDEN (Dare): Park Chan-wook; NOCTURAMA (Debate): Bertrand Bonello, Finnegan Oldfield; TONI ERDMANN (Laugh): Maren Ade, Sandra Hüller, Trystan Pütter; BLEED FOR THIS (Thrill): Ben Younger, Miles Teller, Aaron Eckhart; THE AUTOPSY OF JANE DOE (Cult): André Øvredal; TROLLS (Family): Mike Mitchell, Walt Dohrn.

# **OFFICIAL COMPETITION**

BRIMSTONE: Martin Koolhoven; CLASH: Mohamed Diab; ELLE: Paul Verhoeven, Isabelle Huppert; FRANTZ: François Ozon; GOLDSTONE: Ivan Sen; LAYLA M.: Mijke de Jong, Jan Eilander, Ilias Addab; MOONLIGHT: Barry Jenkins, Naomie Harris, Mahershala Ali, Trevante Rhodes, André Holland; A QUIET PASSION: Terence Davies; UNA: Benedict Andrews, David Harrower; YOUR NAME: Makoto Shinkai.

# FIRST FEATURE COMPETITION

CHAMELEON: Jorge Riquelme Serrano, Gastón Salgado; A DATE FOR MAD MARY: Darren Thornton, Séana Kerslake, Tara Lee, Charleigh Bailey; DIVINES: Houda Benyamina; THE GIANT: Johannes Nyholm; HEDI: Mohamed Ben Attia; LADY MACBETH: William Oldroyd, Florence Pugh, Cosmo Jarvis, Paul Hilton, Naomi Ackie, Christopher Fairbank, Alice Birch; THE LEVELLING: Hope Dickson Leach, Ellie Kendrick; PLAYGROUND: Bartosz M Kowalski; PORTO: Gabe Klinger, Lucie Lucas; RAW: Julia Ducournau, Garance Marillier; WHAT'S IN THE DARKNESS: Wang Yichun; WÙLU: Daouda Coulibaly, Inna Modja.

## **DOCUMENTARY COMPETITION**

ALL THIS PANIC: Jenny Gage; CHASING ASYLUM: Eva Orner; DAVID LYNCH: THE ART LIFE: Jon Nguyen; THE GRADUATION: Claire Simon; AN INSIGNIFICANT MAN: Vinay Shukla, Khushboo Ranka; LOVETRUE: Alma Har'el; ON CALL: Alice Diop; THE SPACE IN BETWEEN – MARINA ABRAMOVIC AND BRAZIL: Marco Del Fiol; TOWER: Keith Maitland, Josephine McAdam.

## **SHORT FILM COMPETITION**

CANDY FLOSS: Jed Hart; EARS, NOSE AND THROAT: Kevin Jerome Everson; LOVE: Réka Bucsi; THE SEND OFF: lvete Lucas, Patrick Bresnan; THE TREMBLING GIANT: Patrick Tarrant; YOUR MOTHER AND I: Anna Maguire.

## LOVE

AFTER LOVE: Joachim Lafosse; THE DREAMED ONES: Ruth Beckermann; ETHEL & ERNEST: Roger Mainwood, Jim Broadbent, Brenda Blethyn, Luke Treadaway, Raymond Briggs; FIORE: Claudio Giovannesi; THE HAPPIEST DAY IN THE LIFE OF OLLI MÄKI: Juho Kuosmanen; I CALLED HIM MORGAN: Kasper Collin; INDIVISIBLE: Edoardo De Angelis; THE LIVES OF THÉRÈSE: Sébastien Lifshitz; LOVESONG: So Yong Kim; THE REUNION: Jonás Trueba; THE SECRET SCRIPTURE: Jim Sheridan; THE

SON OF JOSEPH: Eugène Green; SOUVENIR: Bavo Defurne, Isabelle Huppert; TAEKWONDO: Martín Ignacio Farina; THE WEDDING RING: Rahmatou Keïta, Magaajyia Silberfeld; YOU ARE MY SUNDAY: Milind Dhaimade, Barun Sobti, Shahana Goswami, Avinash Tiwary.

# **DEBATE**

A BILLION COLOUR STORY: N. Padmakumar, Dhruva Padmakumar, Vasuki; BOUNDARIES: Chloé Robichaud; A DAY FOR WOMEN: Elham Shahin, Nelly Karim, Nahed El Sebaee, Farouk El Fishawy; THE DAY WILL COME: Jesper W. Nielsen; GRADUATION: Cristian Mungiu; HOSPITAL: Frederick Wiseman; IN THE LAST DAYS OF THE CITY: Tamer El Said, Laila Samy, Khalid Abdalla; LO AND BEHOLD, REVERIES OF THE CONNECTED WORLD: Werner Herzog; A MOVING IMAGE: Shola Amoo; ON THE OTHER SIDE: Zrinko Ogresta; PARK: Sofia Exarchou; THE PASS: Ben A. Williams, Lisa Mcgrillis, Nico Mirallegro; PATIENT: Jorge Caballero; THE REVOLUTION WON'T BE TELEVISED: Rama Thiaw; THE STOPOVER: Delphine Coulin, Muriel Coulin; TEN YEARS: Jevons Au; THE UNKNOWN GIRL: Jean-Pierre Dardenne, Luc Dardenne; WORLDLY GIRL: Marco Danieli, Sara Serraiocco.

# <u>LAUGH</u>

BARAKAH MEETS BARAKAH: Mahmoud Sabbagh, Hisham Fageeh, Fatima Al Banawi; DON'T THINK TWICE: Mike Birbiglia; HOUSTON, WE HAVE A PROBLEM!: Žiga Virc; THE LAST LAUGH: Ferne Pearlstein; LOST IN PARIS: Dominique Abel, Fiona Gordon; MASCOTS: Christopher Guest; MINDHORN: Sean Foley, Julian Barratt, Simon Farnaby, Essie Davis, Robin Morrissey, Jessica Barden, Harriet Walter; PREVENGE: Alice Lowe; THE YOUNG OFFENDERS: Peter Foott, Hilary Rose, Alex Murphy, Chris Walley; WOMEN WHO KILL: Ingrid Jungermann.

## DARE

BY THE TIME IT GETS DARK: Anocha Suwichakornpong; CHRISTINE: Michael C. Hall; DEAREST SISTER: Mattie Do, Tambet Tuisk; THE DEATH OF LOUIS XIV: Albert Serra; LA NOCHE: Edgardo Castro; OVARIAN PSYCOS: Maryann Aguirre; PERSONAL SHOPPER: Olivier Assayas; PLANETARIUM: Rebecca Zlotowski; THE REHEARSAL: Alison Maclean, Kerry Fox; SCARRED HEARTS: Radu Jude; THE SMALL WORLD OF SAMMY LEE: Julia Foster; SPACESHIP: Alex Taylor, Alexa Davies, Lara Peake, Tallulah Haddon, Lucian Charles Collier; THE UNTAMED: Amat Escalante; THE WORTHY: Ali F. Mostafa.

# <u>THRILL</u>

ALL OF A SUDDEN: Asli Özge; CITY OF TINY LIGHTS: Pete Travis, Riz Ahmed, Cush Jumbo; DANCER: Steven Cantor; DOG EAT DOG: Paul Schrader; THE GHOUL: Gareth Tunley, Alice Lowe, Rufus Jones, Tom Meeten; HELL DRIVERS: Peggy Cummins; INTERCHANGE: Dain Iskandar Said; KILLS ON WHEELS: Szabolcs Thuróczy; LE CIEL FLAMAND: Peter Monsaert, Sara Vertongen; TRESPASS AGAINST US: Adam Smith, Michael Fassbender.

## <u>CULT</u>

CALLBACK: Carles Torras, Martin Bacigalupo; A DARK SONG: Liam Gavin, Steve Oram, Catherine Walker; THE EYES OF MY MOTHER: Nicolas Pesce; I AM NOT A SERIAL KILLER: Billy O'Brien, Christopher Lloyd; LAKE BODOM: Taneli Mustonen; THE NOONDAY WITCH: Anna Geislerová; PHANTASM: REMASTERED: Don Coscarelli; THE VOID: Jeremy Gillespie, Steven Kostanski, Daniel Fathers.

## **JOURNEY**

THE BAIT: Buddhadeb Dasgupta; DAUGHTERS OF THE DUST: Julie Dash; DON'T BLINK – ROBERT FRANK: Laura Israel; GEORGE BEST: ALL BY HIMSELF: Daniel Gordon; THE INNOCENTS: Anne Fontaine; LETTERS FROM BAGHDAD: Zeva Oelbaum, Sabine Krayenbühl; LUPE UNDER THE SUN: Rodrigo Reyes; ORANGE SUNSHINE: William Kirkley; THE ORNITHOLOGIST: João Pedro Rodrigues; THE RED TURTLE: Michael Dudok de Wit; SKY LADDER: THE ART OF CAI GYO-QIANG: Cai Guo-Qiang;

STOCKHOLM MY LOVE: Mark Cousins, Neneh Cherry; THESE DAYS: Giueseppe Piccioni; THOSE WHO JUMP: Moritz Siebert, Estephan Wagner; TRAMONTANE: Vatche Boulghourjian; WHITE COLOUR BLACK: Joseph Adesunloye, Dudley O'Shaughnessy; WHO'S GONNA LOVE ME NOW?: Tomer Heymann; A WOMAN'S LIFE: Stéphane Brizé.

## <u>SONIC</u>

JEWEL'S CATCH ONE: C. Fitz, Jewel Thais-Williams; LONDON TOWN: Derrick Borte, Jonathan Rhys Meyers, Dougray Scott, Daniel Huttlestone, Natascha McElhone, Nell Williams, Anya McKenna-Bruce; THE MAN FROM MO'WAX: Matthew Jones, James Lavelle; MINUTE BODIES – THE INTIMATE LIFE OF FRANK PERCY SMITH: Stuart Staples; ON THE ROAD: Michael Winterbottom, Wolf Alice; WE ARE X: Stephen Kijak, Yoshiki.

## **EXPERIMENTA**

BORN IN FLAMES: Lizzie Borden; CONFESSIONS TO THE MIRROR: Sarah Pucill; DAWSON CITY: FROZEN TIME: Bill Morrison; EGLANTINE: Margaret Salmon; EXPRMNTL: Brecht Debackere; FURTHER BEYOND: Christine Molloy, Joe Lawlor; HAVE YOU SEEN MY MOVIE?: Paul Anton Smith; I HAD NOWHERE TO GO: Douglas Gordon; THE ILLINOIS PARABLES: Deborah Stratman; MODERATION: Anja Kirschner, Maya Lubinsky.

## LFF CONNECTS

CREATIVE TECHNOLOGIES, BEHIND THE MAGIC OF ILM: Dennis Muren, David Vickery, Kevin Jenkins; LFF CONNECTS ART/IMMERSIVE FILM: Lynette Wallworth; LFF CONNECTS GAMES: David Cage, Jonathan Ross; LFF CONNECTS MUSIC/PERFORMANCE: DJ Yoda, Liam Young, Forest Swords; LFF CONNECTS TELEVISION, BLACK MIRROR: Charlie Brooker, Annabel Jones and Joe Wright, with cast attending including: Bryce Dallas Howard, Alice Eve, Gugu Mbatha-Raw, James Norton, Jerome Flynn, Malachi Kirby, Hannah John Kamen.

## **SCREEN TALKS**

Nicole Kidman, Dev Patel, Werner Herzog, Park Chan-wook, Paul Verhoeven, Ben Wheatley.

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Festival Information & Ticket Booking

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#### About the BFI

The BFI is the lead organisation 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
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