

## **Variety to Honor Aaron Eckhart with the Variety Creative Impact Award at the 24th Annual Hamptons International Film Festival**

**NEW YORK, NY (October 4, 2016)** – Variety announced today that Golden Globe®-nominated actor Aaron Eckhart will receive the Variety Creative Impact Award at the Hamptons International Film Festival (HIFF). Eckhart will participate in “A Conversation With...,” one of HIFF’s signature events on Friday, October 7th at 1:00pm at Guild Hall. Eckhart will be presented with the award at the conversation by Variety’s Deputy Awards and Features Editor Jenelle Riley. The 24th Hamptons International Film Festival will take place over Columbus Day Weekend October 6-10, 2016.

"Aaron Eckhart is the definition of an actor's actor, someone who consistently delivers standout performances and is admired by his peers." said Variety's Deputy Awards and Features Editor Jenelle Riley. "This year alone he's shown his range in two wildly different, but equally excellent, roles."

“The Hamptons International Film Festival is proud to celebrate Aaron Eckhart’s achievement as he is recognized for his consistently impressive work. His performances in SULLY and BLEED FOR THIS could not be more different, which is a testament to his incredible range,” said HIFF Artistic Director David Nugent. “We are excited to partner with Variety in honoring such a renowned and deserving actor.”

Eckhart stars as boxing trainer Kevin Rooney in BLEED FOR THIS, previously announced as one of HIFF’s Spotlight Films screening on Friday, October 7th at 3:45 pm. The film, distributed by Open Road Films, also stars Miles Teller and Katey Sagal. Eckhart’s versatility as an actor can be seen by his performances in films such as SULLY, OLYMPUS HAS FALLEN, THE DARK KNIGHT, and THANK YOU FOR SMOKING.

Founder Passes and ticket packages for the 24th annual Hamptons International Film Festival, which will be held over Columbus Day Weekend, October 6th – October 10th, 2016, are currently available for purchase. To purchase founder passes and ticket packages, or for additional information, please visit [www.hamptonsfilmfest.org](http://www.hamptonsfilmfest.org). Individual tickets are on sale now.

### **ABOUT THE HAMPTONS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL**

The Hamptons International Film Festival (HIFF) is a year-round 501(c)3 non-profit organization with events, screenings, film workshops, comprehensive summer programs and an annual film festival each October. The Festival is the premiere film event on New York State’s east end, and is an intimate showcase of some of the year’s best offerings in contemporary cinema from around the world. With cash and in-kind

prizes handed out totaling more than \$165,000, HIFF continues to attract some of the best films of the year. Selections from all of our programs continue to play an important role during awards season. 2015 marked the 7th time in the last 8 years that a film at the Festival has become the eventual Best Picture winner at the Oscars, making HIFF the only Festival on the East Coast with such a distinction.