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THE HAMPTONS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL AND VARIETY CELEBRATES “VARIETY’S 10 ACTORS TO WATCH: BREAKTHROUGH PERFORMERS 2012” AT 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HAMPTONS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

EAST HAMPTON, NY – AUGUST 27, 2012: Variety and the Hamptons International Film Festival will honor the ‘Variety’s 10 Actors to Watch: Breakthrough Performers 2012’ during the 20th Anniversary of the Hamptons International Film Festival. This list is one of the industry’s most anticipated spotlights on new talent.

This year, Variety is traveling to the Hamptons International Film Festival, where those on this prestigious list will take part in a number of activities, seminars and social events over the five-day festival. Several of this year’s awards winners are also starring in films appearing at the 2012 Hamptons International Film Festival.

The 2012 ‘Variety’s 10 Actors to Watch: Breakthrough Performers’ are Adam Driver (“Inside Llewyn Davis”), Domhnall Gleeson (“Anna Karenina”), Bella Heathcote (“Not Fade Away”), Dree Hemingway (“Starlet”), Boyd Holbrook (“The Host”), Elyas M'Barek (“Turkish for Beginners”), Scoot McNairy (“Killing Them Softly”), Nate Parker (“Arbitrage”), Imogen Poots (“Knight of Cups”) and Alicia Vikander (“Anna Karenina”).

Past ‘10 Actors to Watch’ honorees have included Jean Dujardin (“The Artist”), Andrew Garfield (“The Amazing Spiderman”), Ryan Gosling (“Blue Valentine”), Tom Hardy (“The Dark Knight Rises”) Anna Kendrick (“Up In The Air”), and Amy Ryan (“Gone Baby Gone”), among others.

“Variety’s ‘10 ACTORS TO WATCH’ has been one of our newspaper’s most avidly observed annual features for 15 years. Having such a beautiful, prestigious platform as the Hamptons International Film Festival for presentation means these exciting performers will be on industry and media radars all over the world.” Steven Gaydos, Executive Editor, VARIETY

"For over a decade, we have been honored to recognize so many promising actors who have gone on to luminous careers in the film industry. In celebration of our 20th anniversary festival, we are absolutely delighted to be joining forces with Variety to showcase Variety's ‘10 Actors To Watch: Breakthrough Performers 2012’." Lina Todd, Program Director, Breakthrough Performers, Hamptons International Film Festival

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About The Hamptons International Film Festival

The Hamptons International Film Festival was founded in 1993 to celebrate independent film- long, short, fiction and documentary - and to introduce a unique, varied spectrum of international films and filmmakers to the public. The Festival is committed to exhibiting films that express fresh voices and differing global perspectives, with the hope that these programs will enlighten audiences, provide invaluable exposure for filmmakers and present inspired entertainment for all. Taking place among the charming seaside historic villages of Long Island's east end, the Hamptons International Film Festival's intimate, informal atmosphere makes the festival an ideal destination for cinephiles. The 20th anniversary edition takes place over Columbus Day weekend, October 4th-8th, 2012.

For more information on the Festival and to become a member, please visit www.hamptonsfilmfest.org.

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