

VARIETY TO HONOR SIR PATRICK STEWART WITH THE VARIETY CREATIVE IMPACT IN ACTING AWARD AT THE 25TH ANNUAL HAMPTONS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Stewart to Participate in HIFF Signature Program “A Conversation With...”

NEW YORK, NY (September 26, 2017) – *Variety* announced today that Emmy®, Golden Globe and Tony®-nominated actor Patrick Stewart will be the recipient of the Variety Creative Impact in ACTING Award at the 25th annual Hamptons International Film Festival (HIFF). Stewart will also participate in “A Conversation With...,” one of HIFF’s signature programs, on Saturday, October 7th at East Hampton Middle School at 1:00pm. Stewart will be presented with the award at the conversation by Steven Gaydos, Vice President and Executive Editor of *Variety*. The Hamptons International Film Festival will take place over Columbus Day Weekend October 5-9, 2017.

“The Hamptons International Film Festival is proud to honor Patrick Stewart at our 25th anniversary. He is one of the most renowned and talented actors in the industry. He has shown incredible versatility with different roles throughout his career in film, television and on stage,” said Anne Chaisson, Executive Director of the Hamptons International Film Festival. “We are honored to partner with *Variety* to celebrate such a brilliant artist.”

Patrick Stewart is one of the most acclaimed and beloved performers working today, with numerous and varied roles on both stage and screen, earning Golden Globe, SAG, Emmy®, and Tony® Award nominations. Earlier this year, Stewart starred as ‘Professor Charles Xavier’ in the latest X-Men epic LOGAN, reprising a role he originated in the first installment of the franchise in 2000 and earning some of the best reviews of his career. Though he is perhaps best known from his years on STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION, Stewart’s impressive list of credits spans more than 40 years and countless memorable roles, including recent acclaimed performances in GREEN ROOM, MATCH and the Starz comedy BLUNT TALK. Stewart is a three-time Olivier Award winner and an Honorary Associate Artist with the Royal Shakespeare Company. In 2001, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth conferred on Stewart the order of the Officer of the British Empire (O.B.E.), and in 2010, he received a knighthood for his services to Drama. His philanthropic efforts include his longtime support of Amnesty International and his role as a Patron of both Refuge and Combat Stress in the UK.

"Internationally known, respected and beloved for his work on screens and stages of all sizes, Sir Patrick's work in James Mangold's LOGAN this year ranks with his best and provides a wonderful opportunity to revisit Stewart's admirable and still-thriving body of work," said Steven Gaydos Vice President and Executive Editor of *Variety*.

25th Anniversary passes and packages are currently on sale, and individual tickets will go on sale on Monday, September 25. For further information please visit:

<http://hamptonsfilmfest.org/>.

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 \$225,000, 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. 2017 marked the 7th time in a row that a film in 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. For more information please visit: www.hamptonfilmfest.org.

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