



TWENTY-FIVE
YEARS OF
CINEMA

**THE HAMPTONS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL SETS
SUNDAY CENTERPIECE
ANDY SERKIS' DIRECTORIAL DEBUT *BREATHE***

“A CONVERSATION WITH...” ROB REINER

First slate of films to include AFTER LOUIE, HUMAN FLOW, OH LUCY!, THE SQUARE, THE YELLOW BIRDS

Alan Cumming, Toni Collette, Andy Serkis set to attend fest

25th Anniversary Festival to run October 5th – October 9th

East Hampton, NY (August 22, 2017) – The Hamptons International Film Festival is pleased to unveil their first announcement for the lineup of the festival's 25th Anniversary. For the Sunday Centerpiece in East Hampton, the festival will screen the U.S. premiere of **BREATHE**, the directorial debut of Andy Serkis (*War for the Planet of the Apes*), starring Oscar®-nominated actor Andrew Garfield and Golden Globe-winning and Emmy®-nominated actress Claire Foy. As part of the festival's signature programs, "A Conversation With..." will feature renowned Emmy®-award winning actor and Oscar®-nominated director Rob Reiner, director of **LBJ**, the upcoming drama starring Woody Harrelson as President Lyndon Johnson, which will also screen at the festival.

Five additional films were announced for the 25th Anniversary lineup, including Vincent Gagliostro's **AFTER LOUIE**, starring Alan Cumming as an NYC artist with survivor's guilt following the AIDS epidemic, and Alexandre Moors' **THE YELLOW BIRDS**, about two soldiers finding their way in the midst of the Iraq War, starring Toni Collette, Jennifer Aniston, Tye Sheridan and Alden Ehrenreich. Both Alan Cumming and Toni Collette will attend this year's festival.

Additional films featured this year include Ai Weiwei's **HUMAN FLOW**, a documentary shining light on the global migrant crisis; the recipient of the Palme D'Or at this year's Cannes Film Festival, Ruben Östlund's **THE SQUARE**, a fictional story about the world of art starring Elisabeth Moss, Claes Bang and Dominic West; and lastly, based on her award-winning short film, the U.S. premiere of Atsuko Hirayanagi's **OH LUCY!**

“Celebrating a quarter century of bringing international films and filmmakers to the East End, HIFF is thrilled to announce the unique and dynamic voices that will be presented for our anniversary edition,” said Hamptons International Film Festival Executive Director Anne Chaisson. “David and our programming team have worked tirelessly to select this year's best.”

“This first group of films display works that both explore the complexities of our world and some of the challenges we face, while also highlighting the resilience of the human spirit in facing such adversity,” said Hamptons International Film Festival Artistic Director David Nugent.

Previously, the festival announced it will be honoring Academy Award®-winning actress Julie Andrews with a Lifetime Achievement Award, including a special presentation of **VICTOR/VICTORIA** co-presented with the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences on Saturday, October 7, in East Hampton. The event will feature a post-screening conversation with Julie Andrews and Alec Baldwin.

Also, as previously announced the festival will continue to co-present the annual 10 Actors to Watch List with *Variety*. Previous honorees include numerous Oscar® winners and nominees including Mahershala Ali, Brie Larson, Lupita Nyong’o, Emma Stone and Alicia Vikander.

The 2017 10 Actors to Watch are Timothée Chalamet, Hong Chau, Kiersey Clemons, Daveed Diggs, Ali Fazal, Daniel Kaluuya, Barry Keoghan, Danielle Macdonald, Kumail Nanjiani, and Grace Van Patten.

The 25th annual Hamptons International Film Festival will take place over Columbus Day Weekend, October 5th – 9th, 2017. The Hamptons International Film Festival greatly appreciates the support from their corporate sponsors and media partners, including presenting sponsor Delta Air Lines and Altour International and official media partners WNBC New York, *Variety*, *New York Magazine*, *Vulture*, *The Purist*, WNET/WLIW and the *East Hampton Star*. For more information please visit www.hamptonsfilmfest.org.

2017 Hamptons International Film Festival Lineup - First Announcement

BREATHE

U.S. Premiere

Director: Andy Serkis

For his directorial debut, Andy Serkis brings to life the inspiring true love story between Robin and Diana Cavendish (Academy Award® nominee Andrew Garfield, Golden Globe® winner Claire Foy), an adventurous couple who refuse to give up in the face of a devastating disease. When Robin is struck down by polio at the age of 28, he is confined to a hospital bed and given only a few months to live. With the help of Diana's twin brothers (Tom Hollander) and the groundbreaking ideas of inventor Teddy Hall (Hugh Bonneville), Robin and Diana dare to escape the hospital ward to seek out a full and passionate life together—raising their young son, traveling and devoting their lives to helping other polio patients. Written by two-time Academy Award nominated writer William Nicholson, and shot by three-time Academy Award winner Robert Richardson, **BREATHE** is a heartwarming celebration of love and human possibility.

LBJ

New York Premiere

Director: Rob Reiner

After powerful Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson (Woody Harrelson) loses the 1960 Democratic presidential nomination to Senator John F. Kennedy (Jeffrey Donovan), he agrees to be his young rival's running mate. But once they win the election, despite his extensive legislative experience and shrewd political instincts, Johnson finds himself sidelined in the role of vice president. That all changes on November 22, 1963, when Kennedy is assassinated and Johnson, with his devoted wife Lady Bird (Jennifer Jason Leigh) by his side, is suddenly thrust into the presidency. As the nation mourns, Johnson must contend with longtime adversary Attorney General Bobby Kennedy (Michael Stahl-David) and one-time mentor Georgia Senator Richard Russell (Richard Jenkins) as he seeks to honor JFK's legacy by championing the historic Civil Rights Act of 1964.

AFTER LOUIE

New York Premiere

Director: Vincent Gagliostro

Still reeling from survivor's guilt in the years following the AIDS epidemic, NYC artist Sam (Tony Award® winner Alan Cumming) spends his days working on a seemingly never-ending video tribute to the partner he lost along the way. While an intimate encounter with a younger man (Zachary Booth) at first seems like just another one-off, it soon forces Sam to re-assess his resentment for a generation he perceives to be oblivious to the political immediacy and pain of his own. Longtime activist and first-time filmmaker Vincent Gagliostro brings a knowing sensitivity to this poignant story of generational difference, all centered around Cumming's raw and magnetic lead performance.

THE YELLOW BIRDS

East Coast Premiere

Director: Alexandre Moors

In the midst of the Iraq War, Bartle (Alden Ehrenreich) and Murph (Tye Sheridan), two young soldiers fresh out of training camp, find themselves woefully unprepared for the realities facing them upon their deployment into active duty. What starts off as a simple mission ends in tragedy, driving one traumatized soldier to return home desperate to escape the past while the other's parents begins their own search for the truth. Aided by stand-out supporting turns from Jennifer Aniston and Toni Collette, THE YELLOW BIRDS provides a haunting look at the personal devastation facing both the soldiers on the ground and those they leave behind.

THE SQUARE

Director: Ruben Östlund

Winner of the Palme d'Or at this year's Cannes Film Festival, Ruben Östlund's provocatively anarchic THE SQUARE follows Christian (Claes Bang), the suave director of a respected contemporary art museum who sees the museum, and his

career, suddenly upended when the PR campaign surrounding his latest exhibit goes off the rails. Using the same razor-sharp humor utilized in his festival favorite *FORCE MAJEURE* (HIFF 2014), Östlund has created another masterful social satire that playfully disassembles the hypocrisy, privilege, and self-importance of the contemporary art world. Featuring fantastic turns by Terry Notary, Elisabeth Moss, and Dominic West, *THE SQUARE* skillfully orchestrates one standout sequence after another, and in the process creates one of the most memorable films of the year.

HUMAN FLOW

East Coast Premiere

Director: Ai Weiwei

Visionary artist Ai Weiwei's haunting new documentary follows the plight of migrants displaced from their homelands by war, poverty, and climate change. A sprawling global odyssey, *HUMAN FLOW* was filmed in 23 countries over the course of more than a year and examines the staggering scale of a crisis that has now reached epidemic proportions. Bearing witness to the atrocious refugee experience serves as a reminder that this is not just a refugee crisis, but rather a human crisis. The end result is a stirring and poignant essay on the profound impact and ways in which it shapes the world.

OH LUCY!

U.S. Premiere

Director: Atsuko Hirayanagi

In this delightfully offbeat tale, *OH LUCY!* follows Setsuko Kawashima (Shinobu Terajima)—a lonely, chain-smoking introvert who is wasting away at her office job in Tokyo. Setsuko's world is turned upside down when she meets the charismatic English teacher, John (Josh Hartnett), who draws her out of her shell with the help of a blond wig and the promise of a bold new identity. When John abruptly departs for Southern California, the newly emboldened "Lucy" sets out to find him on a life-altering journey of self-discovery. Based on her award-winning short film, Atsuko Hirayanagi's charming directorial debut explores the transformative power of individualism.

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.hamptonsfilmfest.org.

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