

#SBIFF Outstanding Performers of the Year Award honoring Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone

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Emma Stone and Ryan Gosling will be presented with the 2017 Outstanding Performers of the Year award on Friday, February 3rd, 2017for their performances in <u>La La Land</u>, directed by Damien Chazelle (*Whiplash*). This is Stone's first time being honored by the Santa Barbara International Film Festival (SBIFF). Gosling was the inaugural recipient of the Cinema Vanguard Award in 2008.



Actress Emma Stone will be the Santa Barbara International Film Festival's Outstanding Performer A February 3rd, 2017 at the historic Arlington Theater in Santa Barbara Calif.

The tribute, which will take place at Santa Barbara's historic Arlington Theatre, will be moderated by SBIFF's Executive Director Roger Durling. The 32nd annual Santa Barbara International Film Festival will take place from Wednesday, February 1 through Saturday, February 11. <u>Click here to attend.</u>



Santa Barbara International Film Festival Executive Director Roger Durling

Durling stated, "Ryan and Emma's luminous performances in *La La Land* remind us of the transformative and magical role of cinema. We are so proud to celebrate them and this incredible film and its nod to the classic love stories of Old Hollywood with a contemporary twist."

Gosling and Stone will join a recognized group of previous Outstanding Performer Award recipients, including Brie Larson and Saoirse Ronan, Steve Carell, Cate Blanchett, Jennifer Lawrence, Viola Davis, James Franco, Colin Firth, Penelope Cruz, Angelina Jolie, Helen Mirren, Heath Ledger, Kate Winslet and Charlize Theron.

Written and directed by Academy Award[®] nominee Damien Chazelle, <u>La La Land</u>, set in modern day Los Angeles, tells the story of Mia (Stone), an aspiring actress, and Sebastian (Gosling), a dedicated jazz musician, who are struggling to make ends meet in a city known for crushing hopes and breaking hearts. (Source: sbiff.org)



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