



## Santa Barbara's Cinema Vanguard Award honoring Willem Dafoe

### Description

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Willem Dafoe will be honored with the 2018 Cinema Vanguard Award at the 33<sup>rd</sup> SBIFF, which runs from January 31<sup>st</sup> to February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The actor will be celebrated for his remarkable role in Sean Baker's *The Florida Project*, an A24 Films release, which opened in October to critical acclaim. The Tribute will take place on Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at the historic Arlington Theatre.

“Willem Dafoe has brought countless unforgettable characters to the big screen,” stated SBIFF Executive Director Roger Durling. “His role in *The Florida Project* perfectly embodies his talent and imagination. It is an honor to celebrate his work with the Cinema Vanguard Award.”

The Cinema Vanguard Award was created in recognition of actors who have forged their own path taking artistic risks and making a significant and unique contribution to film. Previous honorees include Casey Affleck and Michelle Williams, Rooney Mara, Eddie Redmayne and Felicity Jones, Martin Scorsese and Leonardo DiCaprio, Amy Adams, Jean Dujardin and BÅ©rÅ©nice Bejo, Nicole Kidman, Christoph Waltz, Vera Farmiga, Stanley Tucci, Peter Sarsgaard, Kristin Scott Thomas, and Ryan Gosling.



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