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MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS World Premiere to Close AFI FEST 2018

Description

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AFI FEST presented by Audi will close with the World Premiere of Focus Features and Working Titleâ??s MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS. Directed by Josie Rourke and written by Academy AwardÂ® nominee Beau Willimon, the historical drama is based on John Guyâ??s biography, â??Queen of Scots: The True Life of Mary Stuart.â?• The film stars Academy AwardÂ® nominees Saoirse Ronan and Margot Robbie, along with Jack Lowden, Joe Alwyn, Gemma Chan, Martin Compston, Ismael Cordova, Brendan Coyle, Ian Hart, Adrian Lester, James McArdle, David Tennant and Guy Pearce. The Closing Night Gala will take place on Thursday, November 15, 2018 at the historic TCL Chinese Theatre.

â??This commanding story of powerful women and political rivalry that shaped world history will close AFI FEST on a high note,â?• said Michael Lumpkin, Director, AFI Festivals. â??This yearâ??s festival showcases compelling women-directed narratives that challenge the status quo, and MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS is no exception.â?•

MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS explores the turbulent life of the charismatic Mary Stuart (Ronan). Queen of France at 16 and widowed at 18, Mary defies pressure to remarry. Instead, she returns to her native Scotland to reclaim her rightful throne. But Scotland and England fall under the rule of the compelling Elizabeth I (Robbie). Each young Queen beholds her â??sisterâ?• in fear and fascination. Rivals in power and love, and female regents in a masculine world, the two must decide how to play the game of marriage versus independence. Determined to rule as much more than a figurehead, Mary asserts her claim to the English throne, threatening Elizabethâ??s sovereignty. Betrayal, rebellion and conspiracies within each court imperil both thrones â?? and change the course of history.

Patron Packages ensure reserved seats for Closing Night. A limited number of individual tickets to Opening Night and other screenings are also made available at no charge thanks to the event sponsors. Click here to purchase Patron Packages, which can include access to Galas and other high-demand films and events. Individual tickets will be available on AFI.com beginning October 30.

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