



Telluride Film Festival 2021 – Part II

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A Special Tribute to powerhouse actor, Peter Dinklage, generated massive buzz before his world-premiere in the new film musical, *Cyrano*. Dinklage is a four-time Emmy Award-winner for his work as Tyrion Lannister in *Game of Thrones* and has turned in several strong performances on the big screen in *Station Agent*, *Elf*, and *I Care A Lot*.

In *Cyrano* Dinklage solidly carries the weight of the lead as Cyrano, a man who feels undeserving of romantic love. The film is breathtakingly beautiful with lavish costuming, epic battles, and spirited musical numbers. Numerous pundits are mouthing Dinklage's performance as Oscar-caliber – the question being is it enough for this record-setting Emmy recipient to become an Oscar recipient? *Cyrano* is coming out for the holidays. A “don’t miss” viewing.

Benedict Cumberbatch was in the house at the Werner Herzog Theatre for a screening of the Jane Campion written, *The Power of the Dog*, based on a 1967 novel of the same name by Thomas Savage. Campion seems to be a shoo-in to receive her second Oscar for screenwriting for *The Power of the Dog*. The screenplay might not be the only Oscar talk as Cumberbatch, always a strong screen performer, delves deeply into the soul of his character, Phil Burbank, delivering a dark presence un-before seen from Benedict.



Actor Benedict Cumberbatch addresses the audience at the Werner Herzog Theatre before the Telluride Film Festival in Telluride, Colorado, September 5, 2021. (Photo credit: Larry Gleeson/HollywoodGlee.com)

Last but certainly not to be thought of as the least, is the new Wes Anderson love letter to journalists at an American newspaper outpost in a fictional French city, *The French Dispatch*. The film brings to life a series of short stories that had appeared in the magazine, “The French Dispatch Magazine.” The

ensemble cast includes Timothy Chalamet, Bill Murray, Leas Seydoux, Tilda Swinton, Owen Wilson, Lyna Khoudri, Steve Park, Matthieu Almaric, Henry Winkler, and Frances McDormand. Sharply written and oh....what a cast!

The Telluride Film Festival has become known as a launch for numerous award season campaign debuts. And this year was no exception. Stay tuned for Part III!



Writer/Director, Kenneth Branagh introduces his latest work, Belfast, at the Werner Herzog Theater at the Telluride Film Festival in Telluride, Colorado, September 5, 2021. (Photo credit: Larry Gleeson)

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