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2025 SBIFF Performer of the Year Award announced! Ralph Fiennes to be Honored

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RALPH FIENNES TO RECEIVE THE

OUTSTANDING PERFORMER OF THE YEAR AWARD

AT 40TH ANNUAL SANTA BARBARA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

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[October 30, 2024] SANTA BARBARA, CA â?? Ralph Fiennes will receive the **Outstanding Performer of the Year Award** at the 40th annual Santa Barbara International Film Festival. Fiennes will be honored on **Thursday, February 6, 2025** for his acclaimed performance as Cardinal Lawrence in Focus Featuresâ?? ***Conclave.*** Ralph Fiennes delivers a captivating and nuanced performance in *Conclave*, bringing a depth to his role and expertly conveying the intricate complexities of his character. After winning audience and jury awards throughout the filmâ??s fall festival run, the film had a strong opening in U.S. theaters this past weekend and continued to win over movie-goers.

â??Ralph Fiennes is one of the most gifted actors working in both cinema and theatre and has bequeathed us with so many memorable and extraordinary performances. He outdoes himself in â??Conclaveâ?• â?? bestowing us with what may be the best work in his already legendary careerâ?• noted SBIFFâ??s Executive Director Roger Durling.

Ralph Fiennes made his feature film debut as Heathcliff in *Wuthering Heights* in 1992. His film credits include *Schindlerâ??s List*, *The English Patient*, *The Constant Gardener*, *The End of the Affair*, *The Reader*, *Oscar and Lucinda*, *Sunshine*, *Strange Days*, *The Hurt Locker*, and *The Grand Budapest Hotel* . He played Lord Voldemort in the *Harry Potter* series and the role of â??Mâ?? in *Skyfall*, *Spectre* and *No Time To Die*.

Fiennes has been the recipient of many significant awards and nominations for his work on film and in the theatre. He was nominated for Academy Awards, Golden Globes and BAFTAs for his roles in both *The English Patient* and *Schindlerâ??s List*, winning the BAFTA for Best Actor in a Supporting Role for the latter. He was also nominated for BAFTAs for *The End of the Affair* and *The Constant Gardener*. He was nominated for the BAFTA for Outstanding Debut by a British Writer, Director or Producer for Coriolanus. He was also nominated for a Golden Globe and a BAFTA for his leading role in *The Grand Budapest Hotel*. Fiennes has also been honored with the Variety Award for Film Achievement, The Richard Harris Award by the British Independent Film Awards and The Empire Film Legend Award.

â??Conclaveâ?• follows one of the worldâ??s most secretive and ancient events â?? selecting the new Pope. Cardinal Lawrence (Ralph Fiennes) is tasked with running this covert process after the unexpected death of the beloved Pope. Once the Catholic Churchâ??s most powerful leaders have gathered from around the world and are locked together in the Vatican halls, Lawrence uncovers a trail of deep secrets left in the dead Popeâ??s wake, secrets which could shake the foundations of the Church.

The Outstanding Performer of the Year Award recognizes select individuals who have distinguished themselves with exceptional performances in film. Past recipients of the award include Bradley Cooper, Cate Blanchett, Will Smith, Aunjanue Ellis, Sacha Baron Cohen, Adam Driver, Rami Malek, Margot Robbie and Allison Janney, Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone, 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.

The 40th Santa Barbara International Film Festival will take place LIVE February 4 â?? February 15, 2025. Official events including screenings, filmmaker Q&As, industry panels, and celebrity tributes, will be held throughout the city, including at the historic Arlington Theatre. Passes for the 2025 Festival are on sale now at sbiff.org.

Last year, the festival had a program of 200+ films from over 48 countries with honorary awards feted on Robert Downey Jr., Mark Ruffalo, Paul Giamatti, Jeffrey Wright, America Ferrera, Lily Gladstone, Greta Lee, Charles Melton, Daâ??Vine Joy Randolph, Andrew Scott, Martin Scorsese, Justine Triet, Billie Eilish, and Ludwig GÃ¶ransson.

A-list and industry guests will once again ascend to Santa Barbara, making it a must-stop location on the awards circuit, and delivering a record number of films with many World and U.S. premieres. The film lineup and schedule will be announced January 2025.

About the Santa Barbara International Film Festival

The Santa Barbara International Film Festival (SBIFF) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit arts and educational organization dedicated to discovering and showcasing the best in independent and international cinema. Over the past 39 years, SBIFF has become one of the top 10 film festivals in the United States

â?? attracting 100,000 attendees and offering 11 days of 200+ films, tributes and symposiums, fulfilling their mission ***to engage, enrich, and inspire the Santa Barbara community through film.***

SBIFF continues its commitment to education and the community throughout many free educational programs and events. SBIFFâ??s programs support over 18,000 kids, students and families in our local community by introducing film as an art form to young children with programs like AppleBox and Mikeâ??s FieldTrip to the Movies; teaching film analysis to highschool and college students with programs like Rosebud and the Film Studies Program; and teaching the craft of screenwriting and filmmaking with Film Camp and 10-10-10 Mentorship programs. Most importantly SBIFFâ??s programs are always directed towards the under-represented and under-served communities within Santa Barbara County.

In 2016, SBIFF acquired the historic and beloved Riviera Theatre. After a capital campaign and renovation, the theatre is now SBIFFâ??s state-of-the-art, year-round home, showing new international and independent films every day. In 2019, SBIFF opened its own Education Center in downtown Santa Barbara on State Street to serve as a home for its many educational programs and a place for creativity and learning.

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