



Palm Springs to honor Holly Hunter with its Career Achievement Award

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The 29th annual **Palm Springs International Film Festival** (PSIFF) will present **Holly Hunter** with the **Career Achievement Award** at its annual Film Awards Gala. The Film Awards Gala, hosted by Mary Hart, will be held Tuesday, January 2 at the Palm Springs Convention Center. The Festival runs January 2-15, 2018.

"Holly Hunter's career is filled with many memorable performances including her Academy Award-winning role in *The Piano* as well as other films including *Broadcast News*, *The Firm*, *The Incredibles* and more," said Festival Chairman Harold Matzner. "In her recent film *The Big Sick*, she brings comedy and poignancy as a mother coping with her daughter's coma, while bonding with her daughter's ex-boyfriend. It is our great honor to present the Career Achievement Award to Holly Hunter."



Holly Hunter, right, will receive the Palm Springs Film Award Gala's Career Achievement Award, at t

Past recipients of the Career Achievement Award include Annette Bening, Glenn Close, Kevin Costner, Bruce Dern, Robert Duvall, Clint Eastwood, Sally Field, Morgan Freeman, Samuel L. Jackson and Lynn Redgrave. Hunter will join previously announced 2018 honorees Timothée Chalamet, Gal Gadot, Allison Janney, Gary Oldman and Sam Rockwell.

Based on the real-life courtship between writers Kumail Nanjiani and Emily V. Gordon, and directed by Michael Showalter, *The Big Sick* spotlights Pakistan-born aspiring comedian Kumail (Nanjiani), who connects with grad student Emily (Zoe Kazan) after one of his standup sets. However, what they thought would be just a one-night stand blossoms into the real thing, which complicates the life that is expected of Kumail by his traditional Muslim parents. When Emily is beset with a mystery illness, it forces Kumail to navigate the medical crisis with her parents, Beth and Terry (Holly Hunter and Ray Romano) whom he's never met, while dealing with the emotional tug-of-war between his family and his heart.

A prominent actor on both stage and screen, Holly Hunter is an Academy and Emmy Award winner who has portrayed a vast array of complex and powerful characters throughout her career. Hunter was nominated for an Academy Award for her performances in *Broadcast News*, *The Firm*, *Thirteen* and *The Piano*, for which she won the Oscar for Best Actress in 1993. She won Primetime Emmy Awards for her performances in *Roe vs. Wade* and *The Positively True Adventures of the Alleged Texas Cheerleader-Murdering Mom*, and she was nominated for her work in *Things You Can Tell Just By Looking at Her*, *When Billie Beat Bobby*, *Saving Grace*, and *Top of the Lake*. In addition to *The Big Sick*, Hunter was most recently seen in *Strange Weather*, the story of a mother trying to grieve over the death of her son. Upcoming, Hunter will star in the Alan Ball HBO series *Here, Now*. Additional film credits include *Raising Arizona*, *Miss Firecracker*, *Home for the Holidays*, *Crash*, *A Life Less Ordinary*, *Living Out Loud*, *O Brother Where Art Thou?*, *The Incredibles*, and *Batman v. Superman: Dawn of Justice*.

About The Palm Springs International Film Festival

The Palm Springs International Film Festival (PSIFF) is one of the largest film festivals in North America, welcoming 135,000 attendees last year for its lineup of new and celebrated international

features and documentaries. The Festival is also known for its annual Film Awards Gala, a glamorous, black-tie event attended by 2,500, presented this year by American Express and sponsored by Entertainment Tonight. The Film Awards Gala honors the year's best achievements in cinema in front of and behind the camera. The celebrated list of talents who have been honored in recent years includes Ben Affleck, Javier Bardem, Cate Blanchett, Sandra Bullock, Bradley Cooper, George Clooney, Daniel Day-Lewis, Leonardo DiCaprio, Clint Eastwood, Tom Hanks, Nicole Kidman, Matthew McConaughey, Julianne Moore, Brad Pitt, Eddie Redmayne, Julia Roberts, Meryl Streep and Reese Witherspoon.



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