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SAOIRSE RONAN TO RECEIVE DESERT PALM ACHIEVEMENT AWARD, ACTRESS AT 29th ANNUAL PALM SPRINGS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL FILM AWARDS GALA

Description

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The 29th annual **Palm Springs International Film Festival** (PSIFF) will present **Saoirse Ronan** with the **Desert Palm Achievement Award, Actress** for her performance in *Lady Bird* at its annual Film Awards Gala. Ronan joins previously announced 2018 honorees TimothÃ©e Chalamet, Gal Gadot, Holly Hunter, Allison Janney, Gary Oldman, Sam Rockwell and *The Shape of Water*. The Film Awards Gala, hosted by Mary Hart, will be held Tuesday, January 2nd at the Palm Springs Convention Center. The Festival runs January 2â??15, 2018.



Harold Matzner, PSIFF Festival Chairman

â??Saoirse Ronan delivers one of the most outstanding performances of this year as an outspoken high school student growing up in Sacramento in the critically acclaimed film *Lady Bird*,â?• said Festival Chairman Harold Matzner. â??Following her exceptional performances in *Atonement* and *Brooklyn*, Ronan is sure to receive her third Academy Award nomination. It is our honor to present the Desert Palm Achievement Award, Actress to Saoirse Ronan.â?•

Ronan received the PSIFF International Star Award in 2016 for her performance in *Brooklyn*, going on to receive an Academy Award nomination for Best Actress for the same role. Additional past recipients of the Desert Palm Achievement Award, Actress include Natalie Portman, Cate Blanchett, Julianne Moore, Sandra Bullock, Halle Berry, Marion Cotillard, Anne Hathaway, Charlize Theron, and Naomi Watts.

In *Lady Bird*, Greta Gerwig proves herself a bold new cinematic voice with her directorial debut, excavating the humor and pathos in the turbulent bond between a mother and her teenage daughter. Christine â??Lady Birdâ?• McPherson (Saoirse Ronan) fights against but is exactly like her wildly loving, deeply opinionated, strong-willed mom (Laurie Metcalf), a nurse working to keep her family afloat after Lady Birdâ??s father (Tracy Letts) loses his job. Set in Sacramento, California in 2002, amid a rapidly shifting American economic landscape, *Lady Bird* is an affecting look at the relationships that shape us, the beliefs that define us, and the unmatched beauty of a place called home.

For her role in the film, Ronan has already received Best Actress from the Gotham Independent Film Awards and is nominated for Best Female Lead from the Film Independent Spirit Awards.

Ronan began her career at just 13 years old with her critically acclaimed performance as Briony Tallis in *Atonement*, opposite Keira Knightley and James McAvoy. The role garnered her Academy Award, Golden Globe, and BAFTA nominations for Best Supporting Actress. She starred as Eilis in Fox Searchlightâ??s Academy Award-nominated film *Brooklyn*, written by Nick Hornby and directed by John Crowley. Her portrayal earned her Academy Award, Golden Globe, and BAFTA nominations for Best Actress in a Leading Role. Her other film credits include *The Grand Budapest Hotel*, *Hanna*, *The Lovely Bones*, and *The Way Back*. She recently wrapped production on Dominic Cookeâ??s *On Chesil Beach* and is currently in production on Focus Featuresâ?? *Mary Queen of Scots*, playing the title character.

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 Cadillac and Entertainment Tonight. The Film Awards Gala honors the yearâ??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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