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PALM SPRINGS ANNOUNCES OPENING NIGHT AND CLOSING NIGHT FILMS

Description

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The 29th annual **Palm Springs International Film Festival** (PSIFF) announced that the festivalâ??s opening night will be the screening of *The Post* directed by Steven Spielberg on Thursday, January 4. The festival will close with *The Last Movie Star*, directed by Adam Rifkin on Sunday, January 14. The Festival will also screen 180 films from 77 countries, including 39 premieres (4 World, 12 North American and 23 U.S.) from January 2-15, 2018. The complete line-up includes a focus on cinema from Argentina, Premieres, Talking Pictures, Books to Screen, Special Presentations, Awards Buzz, New Voices New Visions, Modern Masters, True Stories and more.



PSIFF Artistic Director Michael Lerman

â??I couldnâ??t be happier with the selection of films this year,â?• said Artistic Director Michael Lerman. â??In a program that includes all of the shortlisted Foreign Language OscarÂ® nominees, a stellar New Voices New Visions selection, an embarrassment of riches from Argentina that demanded to be highlighted, and an incredible list of attending talent, thereâ??s plenty to get excited about. Iâ??m so proud of our team for putting it all together.â?•

OPENING AND CLOSING SCREENINGS

PSIFF will open with *The Post* on Thursday, January 4th. Steven Spielberg directs Meryl Streep and Tom Hanks in *The Post*, a thrilling drama about the unlikely partnership of Katharine Graham (Streep), the first female publisher of *The Washington Post*, and its driven editor Ben Bradlee (Hanks), as they race to catch up with *The New York Times* to expose a massive cover-up of government secrets that spanned three decades and four U.S. Presidents. The two must overcome their differences as they risk their careersâ??and their very freedomâ??to bring long-buried truths to light. *The Post* marks the first time Meryl Streep, Tom Hanks and Steven Spielberg have collaborated on a project. In addition to directing, Spielberg produces along with Amy Pascal and Kristie Macosko Krieger. The script was written by Liz Hannah and Josh Singer and features an acclaimed ensemble cast including Alison Brie, Carrie Coon, David Cross, Bruce Greenwood, Tracy Letts, Bob Odenkirk, Sarah Paulson, Jesse Plemons, Matthew Rhys, Michael Stuhlbarg, Bradley Whitford and Zach Woods.

The festival will close with *The Last Movie Star* on Sunday, January 14th. Burt Reynolds stars as an aging screen icon who gets lured into accepting an award at a rinky-dink film festival in Nashville, launching him on both a hilarious fish-out-of-water adventure and an unexpectedly poignant journey into his past. The film from A24/DIRECTV is directed by Adam Rifkin and stars Burt Reynolds, Ariel Winter, Chevy Chase, Clark Duke and Ellar Coltrane.

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 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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