

TODD PHILLIPS TO RECEIVE HONOR AT VARIETY 10 DIRECTORS TO WATCH BRUNCH AT PALM SPRINGS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Description

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Variety will honor director Todd Phillips at the Palm Springs International Film Festival on Friday, January 3rd as part of the annual 10 Directors to Watch brunch at the Parker Palm Springs. The brunch is presented by AT&T.

The *Joker* director/co-writer/producer will receive the annual Creative Impact in Directing Award. Previous recipients of this award have included Ryan Coogler, Patty Jenkins, David O. Russell, Charlie Kaufman, Jeff Nichols and Philip Seymour Hoffman. The award celebrates his work on the groundbreaking Warner Bros. Pictures, Village Roadshow Pictures and BRON Creative drama starring Joaquin Phoenix, which was recently named one of AFIâ??s Best Films of the Year and received the Golden Lion at the Venice Film Festival. The film also garnered four Golden Globe nominations on Monday for Best Motion Picture â?? Drama, Best Director â?? Todd Phillips, Best Performances by an Actor in a Motion Picture â?? Drama, Joaquin Phoenix, and Best Original Score, Hildur GuÃ°nadÃ³ttir.

â??Todd Phillipsâ?? â??*Joker*â?? is one of the most provocative, celebrated films of the year, with an extraordinary lead performance by Joaquin Phoenix,â?• says Claudia Eller, *Variety* Editor-In-Chief. â??Toddâ??s unique vision and masterful creativity showcases iconic Artisan work, from the memorable stairs sequence to the re-imagining of Gotham as 1980s New York City.â?•

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