

Sam Rockwell to Receive Spotlight Award at 29th Annual PSIFF Film Awards Gala

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Today, the 29th annual Palm Springs International Film Festival (PSIFF) announced it will present **Sam Rockwell** with the Spotlight Award â?? Actor at its annual Film Awards Gala for his performance in *Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri*. The Film Awards Gala, hosted by Mary Hart, will be held Tuesday, January 2 at the Palm Springs Convention Center. The Festival runs January 4-15, 2018.

â??Sam Rockwell is one of the most dynamic actors of his generation known for creating memorable and diverse characters. Once again he takes on another challenging role as the immature and explosive Officer Dixon in his critically acclaimed performance in *Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri*,â?• said Festival Chairman Harold Matzner. â??For this outstanding awards-worthy performance, it is an honor to present Sam Rockwell with the Spotlight Award.â?•

Past recipients of the Spotlight Award include Amy Adams, Jessica Chastain, Bryan Cranston, Andrew Garfield, Helen Hunt, Rooney Mara, Julia Roberts and J.K. Simmons. All recipients received Academy AwardÂ® nominations in the year they were honored, with Simmons receiving the Oscar for Best Supporting Actor.

Fox Searchlightâ??s *Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri* is a darkly comedic drama from Academy AwardÂ® winner Martin McDonagh. After months without a culprit in her daughterâ??s murder case, Mildred Hayes makes a bold move, painting three signs leading into her town with a controversial message for Ebbingâ??s revered Chief of Police, William Willoughby. With the involvement of Officer Dixon (Rockwell), his short-tempered second-in-command, the battle between Mildred and the townâ??s law enforcement is only exacerbated. The film is written and directed by McDonagh, starring Frances McDormand, Woody Harrelson, Sam Rockwell, Abbie Cornish, Lucas Hedges, Å½eljko Ivanek, Caleb Landry Jones, Clarke Peters and Samara Weaving, with John Hawkes and Peter Dinklage. Rockwell won the Hollywood Film Awards Best Supporting Actor Award for his role in the film.

Sam Rockwellâ??s film credits include *Conviction, Iron Man 2, Cowboys and Aliens, Moon, Charlieâ??s Angels, The Green Mile, Galaxy Quest, The Assassination of Jesse James By the Coward Robert Ford, Seven Psychopaths, Snow Angels, Welcome to Collinwood, Heist, Everybodyâ??s Fine, Frost/Nixon, Joshua, The Hitchhikerâ??s Guide to the Galaxy, Matchstick Men, Celebrity, A Midsummer Nightâ??s Dream, Lawn Dogs, Safe Men, Jerry and Tom* and *Box of Moonlight*. Rockwell won critical praise, as well as the Berlin Film Festivalâ??s Silver Berlin Bear Award and Movielineâ??s Breakthrough Performance of the Year Award, for his portrayal of Chuck Barris in *Confessions of a Dangerous Mind*. He was nominated for a Criticsâ?? Choice Award in 2014 for Best Actor in a Comedy for his performance in *The Way, Way Back* and in 2010 for Best Supporting Actor for *Conviction*.

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. 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. For more information, call 760-778-8979 or 800-898-7256 or visit www.psfilmfest.org.



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