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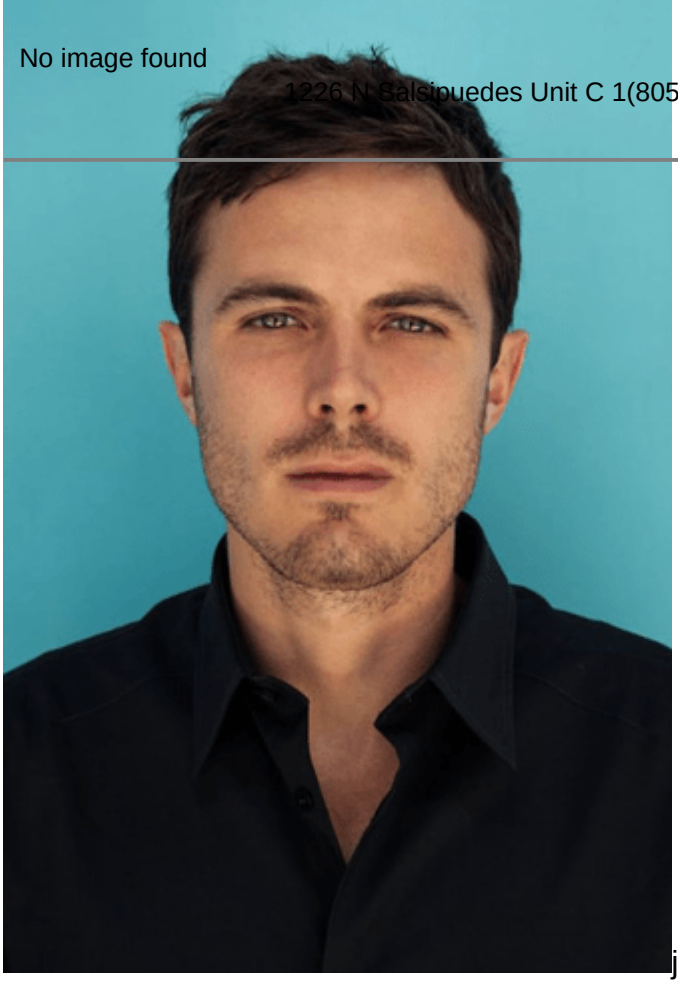


Casey Affleck to Receive the Desert Palm Achievement Award

Description

Palm Springs, CA (November 11, 2016) â?? The 28th annual **Palm Springs International Film Festival** (PSIFF) will present **Casey Affleck** with the **Desert Palm Achievement Award, Actor** at its annual Film Awards Gala for his performance in *Manchester By the Sea.* Each year the festival selects an actor and actress to receive this award. The Film Awards Gala, hosted by Mary Hart, will be held Monday, January 2 at the Palm Springs Convention Center. The Festival runs January 2-16.

â??Casey Affleck delivers his finest performance in *Manchester By the Sea*, playing a Boston

janitor living a lonely and isolated existence,â?• said

Festival Chairman Harold Matzner. â??He has earned rave reviews from critics and is sure to garner awards attention. It is our honor to present the Desert Palm Achievement Award, Actor, to Casey Affleck.â?•

Past actor recipients of the Desert Palm Achievement Award include Jeff Bridges, Bradley Cooper, Johnny Depp, Daniel Day-Lewis, Colin Firth, Matthew McConaughey, Sean Penn, Brad Pitt and Eddie Redmayne. In the years they were honored, Bridges, Day-Lewis, McConaughey, Penn and Redmayne went on to win the Academy AwardÂ® for Best Actor, while Cooper, Firth and Pitt received OscarÂ® nominations.

Affleck stars in *Manchester by the Sea*, the latest film from award-winning writer and director Kenneth Lonergan, about the life of a solitary Boston janitor who is haunted by his past when he returns to his hometown to take care of his teenage nephew. The story of the Chandlers, a working-class family living in a Massachusetts fishing village for generations, *Manchester by the Sea* is a deeply poignant, exploration of the power of familial love, community, sacrifice and hope. The film also stars Michelle Williams, Kyle Chandler, Lucas Hedges, Gretchen Mol and C.J. Wilson.

Casey Affleck was nominated for an Academy AwardÂ®, a Golden Globe AwardÂ® and a Screen Actors Guild Award for his performance in the character drama *The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford*. His film credits include *Gone Baby Gone*, *Gerry*, *Good Will Hunting, To Die For, Interstellar, Out of the Furnace*, *Ainâ??t Them Bodies Saints*, Steven Soderberghâ??s *Oceans*

trilogy, *Triple 9*, and *The Finest Hours*.

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, an upscale black-tie event attended by 2,500, honoring the best achievements of the filmic year by a celebrated list of talents who, in recent years, have included Ben Affleck, Javier Bardem, Cate Blanchett, Sandra Bullock, Bradley Cooper, George Clooney, Daniel Day-Lewis, Leonardo DiCaprio, Clint Eastwood, Tom Hanks, Matthew McConaughey, Julianne Moore, Brad Pitt, Eddie Redmayne, Julia Roberts, David O. Russell, Meryl Streep, and Reese Witherspoon.

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