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LA LA LAND to Receive the Vanguard Award at Palm Springs

Description

Palm Springs, CA (November 21, 2016) â?? The 28th annual **Palm Springs International Film Festival** (PSIFF) will present the film *La La Land* with the **Vanguard Award** at its annual Film Awards Gala. The award is presented to the filmâ??s cast and director recognizing its outstanding creative ensemble. Cast members Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone and director/writer Damien Chazelle are expected to attend. The Film Awards Gala, hosted by Mart Hart, will be held Monday, January 2 at the Palm Springs Convention Center. The Festival runs January 2-16.

â??Director and writer Damien Chazelle delivers a resonant cinematic masterpiece with *La La Land*,â?• said Festival Chairman Harold Matzner. â??This visually stunning film pays tribute to classic Hollywood musicals with a contemporary love story driven by pitch-perfect performances by Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone. It is our honor to present the Vanguard Award to *La La Land*.â?•



La La Land Director/Writer Damien Chazelle (Photo courtesy of ASCA Images/Biennale Cinema di V

Written and directed by Academy AwardÂ® nominee Damien Chazelle, *La La Land*, from Lionsgateâ??s Summit Entertainment label, tells the story of an aspiring actress, Mia (Emma Stone), and a dedicated jazz musician, Sebastian (Ryan Gosling), both struggling to make ends meet in a city known for crushing hopes and breaking hearts. Set in modern-day Los Angeles, this original musical about everyday life explores the joy and pain of pursuing your dreams.



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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