



Outstanding Directors Announced for #SBIFF 2016

Description



In Santa Barbara, California, on Thursday, February 11, 2016 five Oscar-nominated directors will receive the Santa Barbara International Film Festival's (SBIFF) 2016 Outstanding Directors of the Year award.: Lenny Abrahamson, *ROOM*; Alejandro G. Iñárritu, *THE REVENANT*; Tom McCarthy, *SPOTLIGHT*; Adam McKay, *THE BIG SHORT*; and George Miller, *MAD MAX: FURY ROAD*. They will each be celebrated individually for their films. The individual honors will be followed by a joint conversation between the directors about their craft and on the landscape of modern day filmmaking. The ceremony will take place at the historic Arlington Theatre. The evening is sponsored by The Hollywood Reporter. [Click here for passes, ticket sales and/or more information.](#)



The Outstanding Directors of the Year award is given to directors not afraid to explore boundaries and push the envelope in the cinematic world. They have a vision for the picture they want to present and then do so, with an expertise that happens to be both gracious and bold. Past recipients include Damien Chazelle (WHIPLASH), Richard Linklater (BOYHOOD), Bennett Miller (FOXCATCHER), Laura Poitras (CITIZENFOUR), Morten Tyldum (THE IMITATION GAME), David O. Russell (AMERICAN HUSTLE), Kathryn Bigelow (THE HURT LOCKER), and Danny Boyle (SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE).



SBIFF Executive Director Roger Durling says, “These directors have each made their mark on the film canon and have solidified their standing as some of the best directors of our time. The fact that these films come on the heels of already illustrious and established careers makes this honor even

more special.â?•

â??The Directors Panelâ?• completes this yearâ??s panel line-up. SBIFF has become renowned for creating smart, insightful panels that feature a â??whoâ??s whoâ?• in the world of filmmaking, including many Oscar® contenders. The Panels are highly informative with wonderful interaction. Hereâ??s an overview of the SBIFF 2016 panels:

The panel series begins on **Saturday, February 6th** with the â??Movers and Shakers,â?• (Producers Panel), bringing together the industryâ??s most prolific producers to talk about current projects, hopes for the future of filmmaking, and insights into the creative process. Moderated by Los Angeles Times film writer **Glenn Whipp**.

That same day proceeds with â??It Starts With the Scriptâ?• (Screenwriters Panel), bringing together top writers to discuss their craft. The panel will be moderated by indieWIREâ??s **Anne Thompson**.

On **Saturday February 13**, with **Creative Forces: Women in the Business**(Womenâ??s Panel), moderated by **Madelyn Hammond**, President, Madelyn Hammond & Assoc., and Former Chief Marketing Officer for Variety. The Womenâ??s Panel is sponsored by Brooks Institute.

[For more information on tickets, passes and packages click here.](#)

All panels take place at the [Lobero Theatre](#), located at 33 E Canon Perdido St., in Santa Barbara.



This looks to be one of the better panel line-ups in recent years and coupled with the tributes, schedule of moving pictures and activities, the 2016 SBIFF is one to see. [For a complete look at the line-up click here.](#)

If air travel is required for your attendance, Alaska Airlines, the official airline for the 31st Santa Barbara International Film Festival, is offering 10% discounts on airfare between Santa Barbara, Los Angeles or Burbank, California and any of Alaska Airlines departure cities (excluding Hawaii, Mexico, Costa Rica and Prudhoe Bay) from February 2nd through February 16th, 2016. Book by February 16, 2016. [Click here.](#) Discounts are automatically applied. Restrictions apply. [See site for details.](#) Stay tuned for more recent developments and for the latest updates!

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