



2017 SBIFF Outstanding Directors Award

## Description

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**Outstanding Directors of the Year Award**  
**Honoring:**  
**Damien Chazelle (*La La Land*)**  
**Barry Jenkins (*Moonlight*)**  
**Kenneth Lonergan (*Manchester by the Sea*)**  
**and Denis Villeneuve (*Arrival*)**

**Tuesday, February 7, 2017 @ 8:00pm**  
**Arlington Theatre**

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The Santa Barbara International Film Festival will honor this year's Outstanding Directors at the Arlington Theatre, Tuesday, February 7, 2017, at 8 PM in Santa Barbara, Calif. (Pictured left to right; Damien Chazelle, Barry Jenkins, Kenneth Lonergan and Denis Villeneuve. Photo courtesy of sbiff.org)

Barry Jenkins, Damien Chazelle, Denis Villeneuve, and Kenneth Lonergan will receive the 2017 Outstanding Directors of the Year Award. They will each be celebrated individually for their films *Moonlight*, *La La Land*, *Arrival*, and *Manchester by the Sea* respectively. The individual honors will be followed by a joint conversation between the directors on their craft and the landscape of modern day filmmaking. The ceremony will take place on Tuesday, February 7th at the historic Arlington Theatre.



SBIFF Executive Director, Roger Durling  
(Photo via SBIndependent)

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**“These directors are true visionaries, with a body of work that exemplifies excellence in filmmaking,” said SBIFF Executive Director Roger Durling. “We are thrilled to honor this group for their indelible contributions to cinema.”**

The Outstanding Directors of the Year Award is given to directors that push the boundaries of cinema with their innovative approach. They are master storytellers, bringing their vision to life on screen.

### **Past recipients include:**

2016 “Lenny Abrahamson (ROOM), Alejandro G. Iñárritu (THE REVENANT), Tom McCarthy (SPOTLIGHT), Adam McKay (THE BIG SHORT), and George Miller (MAD MAX: FURY ROAD)

2015 “Damien Chazelle (WHIPLASH), Richard Linklater (BOYHOOD), Bennett Miller (FOXCATCHER), Laura Poitras (CITIZENFOUR), and Morten Tyldum (THE IMITATION GAME)

2014 “David O. Russell (AMERICAN HUSTLE)

2010 “Kathryn Bigelow (THE HURT LOCKER)

2009 “Danny Boyle (SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE)

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