



PALM SPRINGS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES AWARDS BUZZ PROGRAM

Description

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Palm Springs, CA (December 6, 2016) – The **28th annual Palm Springs International Film Festival (PSIFF)**, scheduled January 2-16, 2017, announced the films selected to compete for the FIPRESCI Award in the Awards Buzz section. The Festival will screen 43 of the 85 official submissions to the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences for Best Foreign Language Film. Additional film programs will be announced in the upcoming weeks.



Neruda – Gael García Bernal (left) and Diego Muñoz (right)



Toni Erdmann

The **Awards Buzz** section is selected by Festival programmers as the strongest entries in this year's Academy Awards® race. A special jury of international film critics will review these films to present the FIPRESCI Award for Best Foreign Language Film of the Year, as well as Best Actor and Best Actress in this category. The following 43 films are selected to screen (in alphabetical order by country):

- o *The Distinguished Citizen* (Argentina), Directors: Mariano Cohn, Gastón Duprat
- o *Stefan Zweig: Farewell to Europe* (Austria), Director: Maria Schrader
- o *The Ardennes* (Belgium), Director: Robin Pront
- o *Sealed Cargo* (Bolivia), Director: Julia Vargas Weise
- o *Death in Sarajevo* (Bosnia & Herzegovina), Director: Danis Tanović
- o *It's Only the End of the World* (Canada), Director: Xavier Dolan
- o *Neruda* (Chile), Director: Pablo Larraín
- o *On the Other Side* (Croatia), Director: Zrinko Ogresta
- o *Land of Mine* (Denmark), Director: Martin Pieter Zandvliet
- o *Clash* (Egypt), Director: Mohamed Diab
- o *Mother* (Estonia), Director: Kardi Kousaar
- o *The Happiest Day in the Life of Olli Mäki* (Finland), Director: Juho Kuosmanen
- o *Elle* (France), Director: Paul Verhoeven
- o *Toni Erdmann* (Germany), Director: Maren Ade
- o *Kills on Wheels* (Hungary), Director: Attila Till

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- o *Sparrows* (Iceland), Director: Rúnar Rúnarsson
 - o *Interrogation* (India), Director: Vetri Maaran
 - o *The Salesman* (Iran), Director: Asghar Farhadi
 - o *El clásico* (Iraq), Director: Halkawt Mustafa
 - o *Sand Storm* (Israel), Director: Elite Zexer
 - o *Fire at Sea* (Italy), Director: Gianfranco Rosi
 - o *Nagasaki: Memories Of My Son* (Japan), Director: Yoji Yamada
 - o *Very Big Shot* (Lebanon), Director: Mir-Jean Bou Chaaya
 - o *The Liberation of Skopje* (Macedonia), Directors: Rade Šerbedžija, Danilo Šerbedžija
 - o *The Black Hen* (Nepal), Director: Min Bahadur Bham
 - o *Tonio* (Netherlands), Director: Paula van der Oest
 - o *A Flickering Truth* (New Zealand), Director: Pietra Brettkelly
 - o *The King's Choice* (Norway), Director: Erik Poppe
 - o *The Idol* (Palestine), Director: Hany Abu-Assad
 - o *Ma' Rosa* (Philippines), Director: Brillante Mendoza
 - o *Afterimage* (Poland), Director: Andrzej Wajda
 - o *Sieranevada* (Romania), Director: Cristi Puiu
 - o *Paradise* (Russia), Director: Andrei Konchalovsky
 - o *Barakah Meets Barakah* (Saudi Arabia), Director: Mahmoud Sabbagh
 - o *Train Driver's Diary* (Serbia), Director: Miloš Radović
 - o *Apprentice* (Singapore), Director: Boo Junfeng
 - o *Houston, We Have a Problem!* (Slovenia), Director: Ziga Virc
 - o *Call Me Thief* (South Africa), Director: Daryne Joshua
 - o *The Age of Shadows* (South Korea). Director: Kim Jee-woon
 - o *Julieta* (Spain). Director: Pedro Almodóvar

- o *A Man Called Ove* (Sweden), Director: Hannes Holm
- o *My Life as a Zucchini* (Switzerland), Director: Claude Barras
- o *Under the Shadow* (UK), Director: Babak Anvari

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 year'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, Matthew McConaughey, Julianne Moore, Brad Pitt, Eddie Redmayne, Julia Roberts, David O. Russell, Meryl Streep, and Reese Witherspoon. PSIFF is organized by The Palm Springs International Film Society, a 501(c)(3) charitable non-profit organization with a mission to cultivate and promote the art and science of film through education and cross-cultural awareness.

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