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HIDDEN FIGURES to Receive Palm Springs Ensemble Performance Award

Description



th annual **Palm Springs International Film Festival** th the **Ensemble Performance Award**. Expected to attend are **Taraji P. Henson**, **Octavia Spencer, Janelle MonÃ¡e, Kevin Costner**, and **Jim Parsons**. 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??History has its share of incredible untold stories, and this is one of the most compelling, the tale of three African-American women â?? engineers, physicists, mathematicians â?? who in their work for NASA in the early 1960s were integral in calculating the flight trajectories for Project Mercury and Apollo 11,â?• said Festival Chairman Harold Maztner. â??Fueled by the performances of Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer and Janelle MonÃ¡e, the ensemble cast also features outstanding performances from Kevin Costner, Kirsten Dunst, Jim Parsons, Mahershala Ali, Glen Powell and many others. The Palm Springs International Film Festival is proud to present the entire cast of *Hidden Figures* with the 2017 Ensemble Performance Award.â?•

Past recipients of the Ensemble Performance Award include Academy AwardÂ® winner for Best Picture *Argo* as well as past Best Picture nominees *American Hustle, Babel, The Big Short, The Imitation Game* and *The Social Network*.

Hidden Figures is the incredible untold story of Katherine Johnson (Taraji P. Henson), Dorothy Vaughan (Octavia Spencer) and Mary Jackson (Janelle MonÃ¡e) â?? brilliant African-American women working at NASA, who served as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in history: the launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit, a stunning achievement that restored the nationâ??s confidence, turned around the Space Race, and galvanized the world. The visionary trio crossed all gender and race lines to inspire generations to dream big. The film is directed by Theodore Melfi from a screenplay by Allison Schroeder and Theodore Melfi, based on the book by Margot Lee Shetterly.

Previously announced honorees attending the 2017 Film Awards Gala are Casey Affleck, Tom Hanks, Nicole Kidman, Ruth Negga, Natalie Portman and the cast of *La La Land*, including Emma Stone, Ryan

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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