â??10 Directors to Watchâ?• at #PSIFF

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â??10 Directors to Watchâ?• debuted in 1996 and the annual event moved to the Palm Springs International Film Festival in January 2011. â??10 Directors to Watchâ?• was the first of *Variety*â??s â??10 to Watchâ?• series spotlighting the most exciting new talents in the fields of directing, writing, producing, acting, cinematography and comedy.

This yearâ??s â??10 Directors to Watchâ?• include:
MAREN ADE, Toni Erdmann
RITESH BATRA, The Sense of an Ending
OTTO BELL, The Eagle Huntress
JULIA DUCOURNAU, Raw
GEREMY JASPER, Patti Cake$
BARRY JENKINS, Moonlight
EMMETT & BRENDAN MALLOY, The Tribes of Palos Verdes
KLEBER MENDONÃ?A FILHO, Aquarius
WILLIAM OLDROYD, Lady Macbeth
DAVID SANDBERG, Lights Out

Past â??10 Directors to Watchâ?• honorees have included Ben Affleck (â??Gone Baby Goneâ?•), Wes Anderson (â??Bottle Rocketâ?•), Scott Cooper (â??Crazy Heartâ?•), Ava DuVernay (â??Selmaâ?•), Marc Webb (â??500 Days of Summerâ?•), Christopher Nolan (â??Mementoâ?•), Sam Matt Ross (â??Captain Fantastic), Taylor Wood (â??Nowhere Boyâ?•) and Benh Zeitlin (â??Beasts of the Southern Wildâ?•), among others.

> **â??One of the most exciting things for me about the festival is being able to host Varietyâ??s 10**



Directors to Watch brunch,â?• said

> **Michael Lerman, Artistic Director. Not only is it a fantastic event, but it also nicely compliments our festival program with selections from our Talking Pictures and Awards Buzz sections, as well as the director of our opening night film *The Sense of an Ending*, Ritesh Batra. Itâ??s an exciting list this year!â?•**

The event will be presented by Mercedes-Benz with venue partner the Parker Palm Springs.

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