



## Opening Night Santa Barbara International Film Festival #SBIFF

### Description

Santa Barbara Mayor Helene Schneider rolled out the welcome mat to a sold-out, energetic audience and then introduced “the-one-and-only Roger Durling,” the Festival’s Executive Director, at the opening of the 31st edition of the Santa Barbara International Film Festival inside the historic Arlington Theater in Santa Barbara, California, February 3rd, 2016.

(Credit: Larry Gleeson)

SBIFF Executive Roger Durling introduced *The Little Prince* director, Mark Osborne to a rollicking Arlington Theater audience. Osborne reminisced about how his wife had introduced him to the novel years ago and inspired him to make the film. In addition, Osborne credited his own daughter as inspiration for the character of the young girl and revealed that his son was the voice of the Little Prince. Soon after, star Mackenzie Foy appeared and mesmerized the crowd in a full-length evening gown as she gushed, “I’m honored to be a part of this unique film.” Last but not least, local Santa Barbarian and long-time resident, **Jeff Bridges**, joined the group by saying he was looking forward to seeing the film in his hometown.

(Credit: YTS Digital Films)

For the complete line up visit: <http://sbiff.org/>

On Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, **Terrance Malick’s** experiential **KNIGHT OF CUPS** will have its US Premiere at the Arlington Theatre as the festival’s Centerpiece Film. The highly anticipated film stars **Christian Bale, Natalie Portman, Cate Blanchett, Frieda Pinto, Isabel Lucas, Imogen Poots, Wes Bentley, Brian Dennehy** and **Teresa Palmer**, among others. **Xavier Giannoli’s** funny and emotional drama **MARGUERITE** will close out the festival on Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. 1921, the beginning of the Golden Twenties. Not far from Paris. [For information on tickets, passes and packages 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) now through February 16th, 2016. Book by February 16, 2016. [Click here.](#) Discounts are automatically applied. Restrictions apply. [See site for details.](#)

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