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Natalie Portman to Receive Palm Springs Desert Palm Achievement Award, Actress

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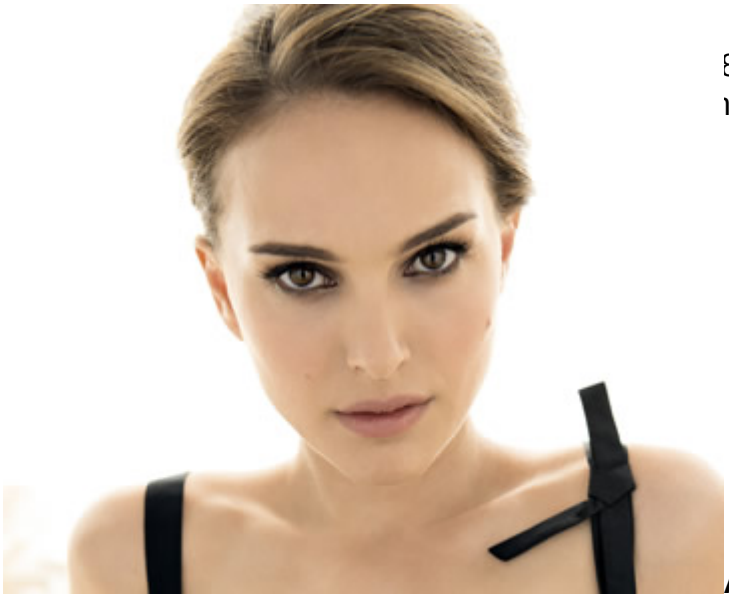

8th annual **Palm Springs International Film** ı the **Desert Palm Achievement** **Award, Actress** for her performance in *Jackie* at its annual Film Awards Gala. The Film Awards Gala, hosted by Mary Hart, will be held Monday, January 2 at the Palm Springs Convention Center. The Festival runs January 2-16.

â??Natalie Portman truly brings to life one of this countryâ??s most treasured public figures in the acclaimed new film *Jackie*,â?• said Festival Chairman Harold Matzner. â??Portman delivers a transformative and deeply human portrayal of the former First Lady following the assassination of John F. Kennedy, one of the most challenging moments in our nationâ??s history. It is our honor to once again present the Desert Palm Achievement Award, Actress to Natalie Portman.â?•

Portman received the Desert Palm Achievement Award, Actress in 2011 for her performance in *Black Swan*, where she went on to win the Academy AwardÂ® for Best Actress. Additional past recipients of the award include Cate Blanchett, Julianne Moore, Sandra Bullock, Halle Berry, Marion Cotillard, Anne

Hathaway, Charlize Theron and Naomi Watts.

From Fox Searchlight, *Jackie* is a searing and intimate portrait of one of the most important and tragic moments in American history, seen through the eyes of the iconic First Lady, then Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy (Natalie Portman). *Jackie* places us in her world during the days immediately following her husbandâ??s assassination. Known for her extraordinary dignity and poise, here we see a psychological portrait of the First Lady as she struggles to maintain her husbandâ??s legacy and the world of â??Camelotâ?• that they created and loved so well. The film is directed by Pablo LarraÃn and also stars Peter Sarsgaard, Greta Gerwig, Richard E. Grant, Caspar Phillipson, John Carroll Lynch, Beth Grant, and Max Casella, with Billy Crudup and John Hurt.

Jackie is the recipient of the Toronto International Film Festival Platform Prize and Venice Film Festival Golden Osella Best Screenplay Award. The film received four Film Independent Spirt Awards including Best Picture and Best Actress. For her role in the film, Portman received the Hollywood Film Award for Best Actress and is nominated for an IFP Gotham Award.

Natalie Portman received her second Academy AwardÂ® nomination and first Best Actress win for her performance in Darren Aronofskyâ??s critically acclaimed film, *Black Swan*. For her role, Portman also received a Golden Globe, BAFTA Award, Screen Actors Guild Award, and Critics Choice Award. Her other film credits include *The Professional, Beautiful Girls*, *Anywhere But Here*, *Cold Mountain*, *Garden State*, *Closer*, *V For Vendetta*, *Goyaâ??s Ghosts*, *The Other Boleyn Girl*, *New York, I Love You*, *Brothers*, *No Strings Attached*, *Hesher*, *Knight of Cups, Thor*, and the three prequels to the *Star Wars* trilogies. Portman also recently directed and wrote her first feature *A Tale of Love and Darkness* which debuted at Cannes in 2015. Her upcoming projects include *Weightless*, *Planetarium* and *Annihilation*.

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

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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