



2018 SBIFF Virtuosos Award Tribute

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The Virtuosos Award presented by UGG®, an honor created to recognize a select group of talent who have distinguished themselves through breakthrough performances in film this past year – will be presented to: **Daniel Kaluuya** (*Get Out*), **Gal Gadot** (*Wonder Woman*), **Hong Chau** (*Downsizing*), **John Boyega** (*Detroit*), **Kumail Nanjiani** (*The Big Sick*), **Mary J. Blige** (*Mudbound*), and **Timothée Chalamet** (*Call Me by Your Name*). The award presentation, which will be moderated for the eighth year by Dave Karger, will take place tonight at 8PM, February 3, 2018, at the Arlington Theatre during the 33rd edition of the festival, which runs January 31 to February 10, 2018.

“2017 has seen a variety of breakout performances,” stated Roger Durling, Executive Director of SBIFF. “We are thrilled to celebrate this diverse group of actors who have earned their place as some of the most talented individuals working in the industry today.”

The group will be recognized for their breakthrough roles in 2017 and careers thus far. **Daniel Kaluuya** gives a star-making performance as the unsuspecting yet resourceful Chris Washington in the speculative thriller *Get Out*. Bringing to life the enduringly popular comic book character of the same name, **Gal Gadot** balances formidable prowess and a genuine sense of hope in her role in this summer’s critically praised, conversation-changing *Wonder Woman*. **Hong Chau** delivers an inspiring performance in the social satire *Downsizing*, in which she brings humor and compassion to the role of Ngoc Lan Tran. In *Detroit*, **John Boyega** gives a captivating turn as Melvin Dismukes, a security guard who is falsely accused of killing three men on one of the most horrific nights in American history. Based on a true story that he co-wrote, **Kumail Nanjiani** brings comedy, pathos, and dramatic stakes to *The Big Sick* as a man whose girlfriend falls into a mysterious coma. Renowned singer/songwriter **Mary J. Blige** delivers a powerful and solemn turn as Florence Jackson, a mother struggling to maintain land in 1940s Mississippi. In *Call Me By Your Name*, **Timothée Chalamet** gives a brilliant and heartfelt performance as Elio, a teenage boy who begins a relationship with his father’s assistant.

Prior recipients for the award include Dev Patel, Mahershala Ali, Naomie Harris, Ruth Negga, Alicia Vikander, Rosamund Pike, J.K. Simmons, Eddie Redmayne, Quvenzhané Wallis, Rooney Mara,

Melissa McCarthy, Andrew Garfield, John Hawkes, Hailee Steinfeld, Jacki Weaver, Carey Mulligan, Saoirse Ronan, Gabourey Sidibe, Casey Affleck, Marion Cotillard, Viola Davis, Sally Hawkins, Richard Jenkins, Melissa Leo, Ellen Page, Amy Ryan, Michael Shannon, Brie Larson, Jared Leto, and June Squibb.



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