

FILM INDEPENDENT SPIRIT AWARDS

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KIRSTEN DUNST, JON HAMM, TARAJI P. HENSON, SAMUEL L. JACKSON, DAVID OYELOWO, KERRY WASHINGTON AND MORE TO PRESENT AT THE 2017 FILM INDEPENDENT SPIRIT AWARDS

**2017 Ceremony To Premiere Live on IFC and Live Stream on Sundance Now
Saturday, February 25 at 2:00 pm PT / 5:00 pm ET**

Los Angeles – February 23, 2017 – Today, **Film Independent**, the nonprofit arts organization that produces the Spirit Awards and the LA Film Festival, and **IFC** announced the full list of presenters for **Film Independent Spirit Awards**. The show, co-hosted this year by Nick Kroll and John Mulaney, will air live on IFC on **Saturday, February 25 at 2:00 pm PT / 5:00 pm ET**. Online streaming service **Sundance Now** (www.sundancenow.com) will live-stream the Spirit Awards concurrently with the telecast, with an archived version available to Sundance Now members shortly after the telecast concludes.

The full list of presenters includes: Fred Armisen, Hank Azaria, Kate Beckinsale, Orlando Bloom, Kirsten Dunst, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Jon Hamm, Taraji P. Henson, Samuel L. Jackson, Danny McBride, Janelle Monae, Viggo Mortensen, David Oyelowo, Amanda Peet, Freida Pinto, Aubrey Plaza, Issa Rae, Edgar Ramirez, Jenny Slate, Miles Teller and Kerry Washington.

2017 marks the 32nd year of the awards that celebrate the best in independent film, and the show has aired on IFC for more than two decades. Joel Gallen of Tenth Planet Productions

returns for his third year as executive producer, producer Shawn Davis returns for his 15th show. Danielle Federico and Andrew Schaff will be co-producing the awards.

ABOUT THE FILM INDEPENDENT SPIRIT AWARDS

Now in its 32nd year, the Film Independent Spirit Awards is an annual celebration honoring artist-driven films made with an economy of means by filmmakers whose films embody independence and originality. The Spirit Awards recognizes the achievements of American independent filmmakers and promotes the finest independent films of the year to a wider audience.

The Film Independent Spirit Awards are sponsored by Premier Sponsors Piaget, American Airlines, Jeep brand, IFC, and Principal Sponsor AT&T, as well as Breyers Gelato Indulgences. FIJI Water is the Official Water. Perrier-Jouët is the Official Champagne. Landmark Vineyards is the Official Wine. Bulleit Frontier Whiskey is the Official Spirit. WireImage is the Official Photographer.

ABOUT FILM INDEPENDENT

Film Independent is the non-profit arts organization that champions creative independence in visual storytelling and supports a community of artists who embody diversity, innovation and uniqueness of vision. Film Independent helps filmmakers make their movies, builds an audience for their projects, and works to diversify the film industry. Film Independent's Board of Directors, filmmakers, staff, and constituents, is comprised of an inclusive community of individuals across ability, age, ethnicity, gender, race, and sexual orientation. Anyone passionate about film can become a member, whether you are a filmmaker, industry professional, or a film lover.

Film Independent produces the Spirit Awards, the annual celebration honoring artist-driven films and recognizing the finest achievements of American independent filmmakers. Film Independent also produces the LA Film Festival, showcasing the best of American and international cinema and Film Independent at LACMA, a year-round, weekly program that offers unique cinematic experiences for the Los Angeles creative community and the general public.

With over 250 annual screenings and events, Film Independent provides access to a network of like-minded artists who are driving creativity in the film industry. Film Independent's Artist Development program offers free Labs for selected writers, directors, producers and documentary filmmakers and presents year-round networking opportunities. Project Involve is Film Independent's signature program dedicated to fostering the careers of talented filmmakers from communities traditionally underrepresented in the film industry.

ABOUT IFC

IFC is the home of offbeat, unexpected comedies. Original series *Portlandia*, *Documentary Now!*, *Stan Against Evil* and the upcoming *Brockmire* (April 2017) air alongside fan-favorite movies and comedic cult TV shows. IFC is owned and operated by AMC Networks Inc., and available across multiple platforms. IFC is Always On Slightly Off.

ABOUT SUNDANCE NOW

Sundance Now brings members the best in award-winning films, documentaries & binge-worthy TV series. From exclusive Sundance Now Originals to new releases and hard-to-find classics – Sundance Now has captivating stories for everyone. Members can easily discover something great to watch in one of our handpicked collections, curated by filmmakers and cultural icons. To become a member of Sundance Now, sign up online at sundancenow.com for a 7-day free

trial then pay \$6.99/month or \$59.99/annual membership fee. Sundance Now is accessible via web, iOS, Android, Roku, Apple TV, and Chromecast.

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