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CORDILLERA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL BRINGS HOLLYWOOD TO RENO JULY 29-AUGUST 2

Five Days of the World's Best New Films, Workshops, Panels and Parties
80+ Legendary and Up-and-Coming Filmmakers coming to Reno

RENO, Nev. (June 28, 2021)— Something big is returning to the Biggest Little City! The Cordillera International Film Festival, in conjunction with presenting sponsor, Bill Pearce Motors, is pleased to announce its 2021 Festival will be held July 29 through August 2. After a successful pivot to a hybrid festival in 2020 in which more than 18,000 streams were enjoyed by festival fans located in 16 countries and 35 states, the Festival will continue to expand its virtual programming while bringing back in-person events and screenings in the Reno-Tahoe, NV region.

In just a few short years, Cordillera has earned industry-wide respect, with major accolades for its programming which showcased more than 130 films during its July 2020 Festival, 29 of which went on to become shortlisted for the 2021 Oscars. The winners of the Festival's Grand Jury Prize ([The Present](#)) and Audience Choice ([If Anything Happens I Love You](#)) both went on to garner Oscar nominations, with the latter bringing home the Oscar for Best Animated Short film.

Leading Cordillera's Grand Jury is Festival Chairman and Nevada resident, [Peter Menzies, Jr.](#), an Australian-born cinematographer and Academy Member, known for his diverse and critically acclaimed body of work including *A Time to Kill*, *Shooter*, *The Incredible Hulk*, *The General's Daughter* and *Die Hard with a Vengeance*. Joining Menzies on the 2021 Grand Jury is a who's who of Hollywood icons and emerging voices, including [Bruce Beresford](#) (*Driving Miss Daisy*) [Hunt Lowry](#) (*The Last of the Mohicans*), [Benny Boom](#) (*All Eyez on Me*), [David Nutter](#) (*Game of Thrones*), [Junie Lowry-Johnson](#) (*Grosse Pointe Blank*, *The Umbrella Academy*) [Will Gluck](#) (*Easy A*), [Mikael Salomon](#) (*The Abyss*) [Alex Kalymnios](#) (*The 100*) and [Paula Huidobro](#) (*Barry*, *Coda*).

"We're thrilled to be bringing another impressive slate of diverse and inclusive programming to our community," said Festival Executive Director Emily Skyle-Golden. "From our special Indigenous Voices program filled with acclaimed Native American Storytellers, our Movies in the Park's slate of classic favorites, our incredible group of John Singleton Impact award nominees, as well as festival darlings from Sundance, Tribeca, SXSW and Cannes that range from cutting edge dramas to laugh out loud comedies - we are confident we have a film for everyone. And the success of our virtual festival in 2020 led us to make it a permanent part of our programming going forward - allowing us to invite fans from around the world to join us in our 2021 celebration of the art of film both in-person and online."

Tickets go on sale July 1, 2021 at www.ciffnv.org.

About Cordillera International Film Festival

As a champion of diverse voices and curator of independent stories for the screen, the Cordillera strives to showcase the best in film, bringing filmmakers together with audiences to celebrate the power of storytelling through engaging exhibitions, celebrity panels, educational workshops & premieres that enrich and inspire the community. Cordillera attracted a record number of film submissions from filmmakers representing 83 countries. For more information about the Cordillera International Film Festival please visit www.ciffnv.org.

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