RENO, Nev. (March 31, 2022)— Something big is returning to the Biggest Little City! The Cordillera International Film Festival, in conjunction with presenting sponsor, Porsche Reno, is pleased to announce its 2022 Festival will be held July 28 through August 1. As Nevada’s largest premiere film festival, Cordillera was recently given the distinction as a “Top 100 Best Reviewed Film Festival in the World” by FilmFreeway.

As CIFF approaches its 5th festival year in the top 1% of more than 10,000 film festivals around the world, festival organizers look forward to continuing to bring industry icons, celebrities, world-class programming and filmmakers to experience the Northern Nevada region.

In just a few short years, Cordillera has earned industry-wide respect, with major accolades for its programming which showcased more than 150 films during its July 2021 Festival, 31 of which went on to become qualified for the 2022 Oscars. CIFF’S Special Jury Prize winner (Ala Kachuu - Take and Run) and Alumni Ben Proudfoot (The Queen of Basketball) both went on to garner Oscar nominations, with the latter bringing home the Oscar for Best Documentary Short.

Leading the Grand Jury is Cordillera Chairman of the Board and internationally acclaimed Australian cinematographer, Peter Menzies, Jr.,ACS, 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. Cordillera’s 2022 Grand Jury has yet to be revealed, but a who’s who of Hollywood icons and emerging voices joined Menzies on the 2021 Grand Jury, 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 100K PITCHFEST!, 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 this is going to be an incredible year for us."

About Cordillera International Film Festival (CIFF-NV)
The mission of CIFF, Nevada’s largest premiere film festival, is to celebrate the art of filmmaking and screenwriting, while providing a platform for underrepresented communities to educate and promote inclusion via storytelling through film. CIFF, a FilmFreeway Top 100 Reviewed Film Festival (out of 10,000+ worldwide) attracted a record number of film submissions in 2021 from filmmakers representing 90+ countries. For more information please visit www.ciffnv.org.