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Film Fest Tucson Announces Inaugural Tribute Program

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Film Fest Tucson (FFT) will host a special “Tribute” event celebrating the work of three remarkable women in film during its third annual festival, October 13 at the Fox Tucson Theatre. The event will feature a look at the work of director Catherine Hardwicke and actors Haley Lu Richardson and Sophia Mitri Schloss, who will be present for special Q&A’s from the Fox stage.

Catherine Hardwicke’s first film as a director was the critically acclaimed “Thirteen,” which won the Director’s Award at the 2003 Sundance Film Festival. She has since become best known as the director of “Twilight,” which launched the worldwide franchise, “The Twilight Saga”. Hardwicke previously worked as a Production Designer on films that were shot in Southern Arizona including “Tombstone,” “Three Kings,” and “Tank Girl.” Her most recent film, Sony’s “Miss Bala,” stars Gina Rodriguez, and is slated for release in January 2019.

Haley Lu Richardson recently wrapped filming “Five Feet Apart,” “Support the Girls,” “The Chaperone” and “Operation Finale,” in which she stars with Oscar Isaac and Ben Kingsley. Her work in “Columbus,” “The Bronze,” “Split” and “Edge of Seventeen” solidified her role as a true rising star that can perform drama to comedy and everything in between.

With a pair of remarkable performances in back-to-back independent films “Lane 1974” (Film Fest Tucson official selection in 2017) and “Sadie,” actress **Sophia Mitri Schloss** has made her mark playing characters who are dealing with far more than they should be. She is clearly destined for continued success in the entertainment world with upcoming work in film and music on her horizon.

All three honorees will also be present for screenings of their films and post-screening Q&A’s during the festival; Ms. Hardwicke at “Lords of Dogtown” October 13 at 8:00p.m., Ms. Richardson at “Support the Girls” October 12 at 9:00p.m. and Ms. Schloss October 12 at 7:00p.m. Additionally Ms. Hardwicke will lead a special, free directing masterclass at the festival on October 13 at 3:00p.m.

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Individual tickets to the tribute event are available for \$20, and include the screening of “Lords of Dogtown” immediately following the Tribute. They can be purchased via: <https://bit.ly/2BREZnf>. Tickets for other FFT events and festival passes are also available at: <https://bit.ly/2Pqsykl>. Visit **FilmFestTucson.org** for more information on the festival, it’s programs, ticketing and screening schedule.

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