

Under the High Patronage of His Majesty King Mohammed VI



Paris, November 9<sup>th</sup> 2015

Dear Kamal Derkaoui,

The 15th Marrakech International Film Festival will be held from December 4<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> 2015, under the High Patronage of His Majesty King Mohammed VI and under the Presidency of His Royal Highness Prince Moulay Rachid. **Francis Ford Coppola** will preside over the jury of the festival's international feature film competition.

**We are honoured to welcome you at the festival this year to receive a TRIBUTE.**

Your tribute will unfold as follows: **during a ceremony on stage, and after a short film retracing your career, you will be awarded the festival's honorary trophy (L'Etoile d'Or). In addition, we will program a selection of your films throughout the festival. Your tribute ceremony will take place on Tuesday December 8<sup>th</sup>, followed by a dinner in your honour.**

In past years the festival has paid tribute to Martin Scorsese, Emir Kusturica, Francis Ford Coppola, David Lynch, Ridley Scott, Oliver Stone, Terry Gilliam, Forest Whitaker, Amitabh Bachchan, Susan Sarandon, Youssef Chahine, Sean Connery, Harvey Keitel, Alain Delon, Abbas Kiarostami, Abel Ferrara, Lee Chang--dong, Kiyoshi Kurosawa, Leonardo Di Caprio, Mohamed Abderrahmane Tazi, Mustapha Derkaoui, Tawfik Salah, Mohamed Osfour, Amina Rachid, Ahmed Baha Attia, Omar Sharif, Amidou, Said Taghmaoui, Roschdy Zem, Sigourney Weaver, Christopher Walken, Ben Kingsley, Marco Bellocchio, Karim Abou Obaïd, Juliette Binoche, Shah Rukh Khan, Mohamed Khouyi, Jeremy Irons, Viggo Mortensen.

The festival includes the **International Feature Film Competition**, the **"Cinécoles" Moroccan Short Film Competition, Premieres, Master Classes, and Tributes** (including a tribute to **Canadian cinema** this year, welcoming a number of actors and directors for the occasion). Films screen at Marrakech's Palais des Congrès, in a number of local cinema theatres, and on the famous Jemaa El Fna Square.

The festival welcomes hundreds of international artists, and is a key event in promoting cinema in the region. The festival is a place of meeting and exchange for filmmakers of all nationalities, and is an opportunity for a better understanding between cultures, people, and civilisations.

The festival invites you in Marrakesh with your wife from December 4<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> where you will stay at La Mamounia hotel. You will be invited to the festival's various official events, including the Royal Dinner on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

We look forward to welcoming you and remain at your entire disposal for all queries.

Yours Sincerely,

Mélita Toscan du Plantier  
Festival Director

Bruno Barde  
Artistic Director of the Festival