



20th KESWICK FILM FESTIVAL

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Big Names on screen at Keswick Film Festival

The stars have aligned beautifully for the 20th Keswick Film Festival. Major figures within the industry have brand new films out on release, providing some headline performances over the Festival weekend.

Mads Mikkelsen, Bill Nighy, Penelope Cruz, Javier Bardem, Florence Pugh, Kristen Stewart, Viggo Mortensen and even Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson will be on screen.

The gala screening on Saturday 2nd March will be *Sometimes Always Never* which stars Bill Nighy alongside Jenny Agutter, Sam Riley and Alexei Sayle. Director Carl Hunter will be at the Festival, along with a cast member, to introduce the film which was written by Frank Cottrell Boyce (who scripted the London 2012 opening ceremony). With Bill Nighy at his acerbic best, the Guardian's Peter Bradshaw described the film as 'a distinct, articulate pleasure'.

Another British film kicks off Saturday's entertainment. *Fighting with My Family* is a comedy written and directed by Stephen Merchant, the long-time collaborator of Ricky Gervais. Florence Pugh stars as a would-be wrestler in a role a million miles away from *The Little Drummer Girl*.

The opening and closing films could not be more different. The Festival kicks off on Friday 28th February with *Jellyfish*, an award-winning British film about 15 year-old Sarah who must balance school, caring for her invalid mother as well as a part-time job. She also has a talent for stand-up comedy.

The Festival closes with *Green Book*, a powerful film set in the southern states of the US in the 1960s. Viggo Mortensen plays an Italian-American bouncer hired to drive a renowned African-American pianist across the country for a series of concerts. By the time *Green Book* plays at the Festival it may well have garnered an Oscar or two.

Arctic, Mads Mikkelsen's latest film received a 10-minute standing ovation after its premiere at Cannes – will the Keswick audience be as impressed? Scandi films, *The Guilty* and *Border* will undoubtedly be talking points.

Festival Director, Ian Payne, said "We have put together a fantastic weekend of film that will appeal to a broad audience and films from Kenya, Chile, Spain, Italy and China add spice to the Festival. It is a fitting way to celebrate 20 years of the Keswick Film Festival"

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Note to Editors

Keswick Film festival runs from 28th February – 3rd March 2019.

Full details of the Festival programme can be found on www.keswickfilmfestival.org

IMDB links to films mentioned above

Jellyfish https://www.imdb.com/title/tt6490394/?ref=mv_sr_1

Sometimes Always Never https://www.imdb.com/title/tt5068162/?ref=mv_sr_3

Green Book https://www.imdb.com/title/tt6966692/?ref=mv_sr_1

Fighting with my Family www.imdb.com/title/tt6513120/?ref=mv_tt

Arctic www.imdb.com/title/tt6820256/?ref=mv_sr_1

The Guilty www.imdb.com/title/tt6742252/?ref=mv_sr_1

Border www.imdb.com/title/tt5501104/?ref=mv_sr_1