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INTERNATIONAL FILM STAR JACQUELINE BISSET TO ACCEPT SIFF CINEMATIC EXCELLENCE AWARD AT 25TH ANNIVERSARY FILM FESTIVAL MARCH 25, 2022

Sonoma, CA February 11, 2022—Actress Jacqueline Bisset will be awarded the SIFF Cinematic Excellence Award for her body of work at the festival's 25th Anniversary edition on Friday, March 25 in conjunction with the screening of her most recent role in the Northern California premiere of *LOREN & ROSE* directed by Russell Brown.

"I am honored to be the recipient of the SIFF Cinematic Excellence Award," said Jacqueline Bisset. "I am thrilled to be seeing *Loren & Rose* in this environment after such difficult years of waiting for genuine cinema screens. Thank you to SIFF for this recognition."

A truly international film star, Jacqueline Bisset has undertaken a diverse range of dramatic and comedic challenges in the more than 50 films in which she has appeared, winning raves from critics and fans alike. Her 2014 Golden Globe for her supporting role in the acclaimed BBC mini-series "Dancing On The Edge" reflected the honed acting skills which have earned her casting by many of the greatest directors during her enduring stardom.

Bisset's career includes roles in such iconic films as John Huston's *CASINO ROYALE*, Peter Yates' *BULLITT*, George Seaton's *AIRPORT*, François Truffaut's *DAY FOR NIGHT*, Sidney Lumet's *MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS*, Peter Yates' *THE DEEP*, J. Lee Thompson's *THE GREEK TYCOON* and George Cukor's *RICH AND FAMOUS*.

She has appeared in more than 100 films and television shows. Over the expanse of her career, she has been nominated for a Golden Globe five times, winning Best Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role for the mini-series *DANCING ON THE EDGE* in 2014. In 2010, she was awarded France's Legion of Honor from President Nicolas Sarkozy. Based in Los Angeles, Bisset divides her time between America and Europe.

"We are honored to present international film star Jacqueline Bisset with the SIFF Cinematic Excellence Award during our historic 25th festival," said SIFF Artistic Director Kevin W. McNeely. "She has lit up the screen from the moment she appeared in some of the most memorable films of our collective conscience, and continues to do so to this day."

About *LOREN & ROSE*:

Making its Northern California premiere at SIFF, this 2022 feature film from Russell Brown stars Bisset and tells the story of an indelible bond forged between a promising young filmmaker and an iconic actress. A single meal frames this three-act story between Loren, a promising filmmaker, and Rose, a storied actress looking to reinvigorate her career. From a lunch meeting to discuss a possible collaboration grows a years-long friendship between two people whose love of art, understanding of grief, and faith in life's potential guide them through personal and creative hardships.

“Celebrating the artistry of great food and drink is one of the motifs of *Loren & Rose*, and so I’m particularly thrilled to bring this movie — and share Jacqueline’s tasty performance — to a city and festival with such culinary credentials,” said director Russell Brown.

There are two screenings of LOREN & ROSE scheduled during the festival – Friday, March 25 at Sebastiani Theatre at 6 PM. The second is Saturday, March 26 at Vintage House at 11:30 AM. A post screening Q&A with Bisset and Brown are scheduled after both screenings. Bisset will receive the SIFF Cinematic Excellence Award after the Q&A on Friday, March 25. The film screenings are presented by Fandor.

About Sonoma International Film Festival

The Sonoma International Film Festival is a 501(c)3 corporation dedicated to promoting independent film, supporting filmmakers around the world, and inspiring film lovers. Blending a program of international film, food, wine and fun, SIFF hosts its annual festival each March, as well as year-round live and virtual events including SIFF Summerfest live, and SIFF Saturdays, monthly virtual films screened on the last Saturday of every month.

SIFF’s signature initiative--the Media Arts Program started at Sonoma Valley High School in 2002--introduces students to the process of storytelling and provides the resources for them to create films. SIFF has granted more than \$725,000 to the program since its inception.

Sonoma International Film Festival celebrates 25 years March 23-27, 2022. Passes are on sale now at sonomafilmfest.org.

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