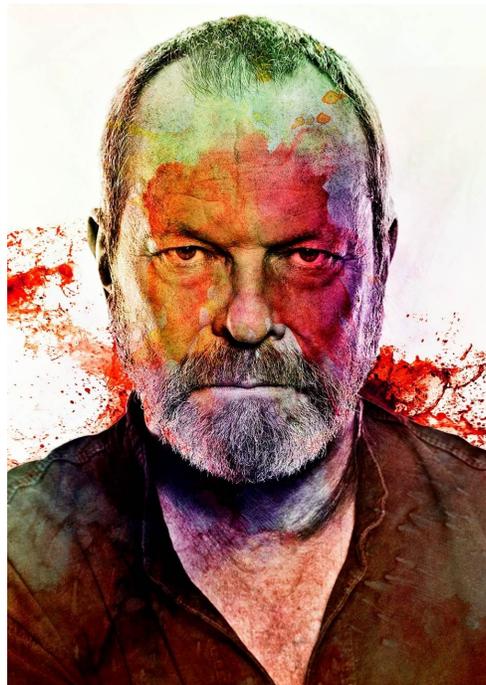


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DIRECTOR TERRY GILLIAM TO RECEIVE THE RAINDANCE AUTEUR AWARD 2018



LONDON – AUGUST, 13, 2018: Raindance Film Festival, in partnership with LUMIX, today announced that award-winning and critically-acclaimed filmmaker Terry Gilliam will receive the Festival's annual Raindance Auteur Award, recognizing his achievements in filmmaking and ongoing contribution to the film industry.

The award will be presented by Raindance Festival Founder, Elliot Grove, on **Wednesday, August 22nd, 2018**, at an evening soiree hosted by The Dorchester Hotel in London. The full festival programme for the 26th Raindance Festival will be announced that morning at Vue West End.

Terry Gilliam said, *“Raindance has been disrupting the status quo since day dot, championing a future generation of strange and wonderful filmmakers for 26 years now - a job well done. I love attending the festival and seeing what treasures Elliot and the programme team have unearthed from around the globe for our delectation. The film industry needs the creativity and controversy Raindance provides. So it goes without saying, I’m incredibly proud to be the recipient of The Auteur Award - long may we continue!”*

“We are absolutely delighted that Terry will be the recipient of this year’s Raindance Auteur Award,” said Elliot Grove, Founder of Raindance. *“Terry has had, and continues to have, an outstanding forty four year career, magicking amazing visual stories from practically nowhere. Always unexpected, always surprising, always a delight. He’s been a supporter of Raindance from the very beginning and we’re thrilled to be able to honor and celebrate his contribution to UK film. Terry Gilliam - my hero!”*

After directing his fellow Pythons in **Monty Python and the Holy Grail**, and **Meaning of Life**, Terry Gilliam went on to write and direct films including **Jabberwocky**, **Time Bandits**, and **Brazil** starring Jonathan Pryce and Robert De Niro which was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Screenplay.

After directing the Oscar nominated **The Adventures of Baron Munchausen** Terry went on to direct three Americana films: the Oscar-winning **The Fisher King** starring Robin Williams and Jeff Bridges; **12 Monkeys** starring Brad Pitt and Bruce Willis; and **Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas**, based on the book by Hunter S. Thompson.

Terry has also turned his hand to opera - directing Berlioz’s **The Damnation of Faust** at the English National Opera as well as Berlioz’s **Benvenuto Cellini**.

Terry brought his distinctive style to his recent films **The Zero Theorem** starring Christoph Waltz and Tilda Swinton and the star-studded **The Imaginarium of Dr Parnassus**.

Terry’s labour of love, **The Man Who Killed Don Quixote**, starring Jonathan Pryce and Adam Driver, received the longest standing ovation in the history of closing films at Cannes 2018.

Private event. Limited tickets available here:

<https://www.raindance.org/courses/evening-with-terry-gilliam/>

The 26th Raindance Film Festival will take place from September 26th – October 7th 2018 in London's West End and will screen a selection of UK and international features, documentaries, shorts, web series, music videos and virtual reality experiences.

The Festival will announce its full festival programme at Vue West End on August 22nd, 2018.

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ABOUT RAINDANCE FILM FESTIVAL

Discover. Be Discovered.

Listed by Variety as one of the world's top 50 'unmissable film festivals', Raindance showcases features, shorts, music videos, virtual reality films and web series by filmmakers from the UK and around the world celebrating and supporting independent, new and alternative filmmakers not just during our 12 day festival but throughout the year.

Raindance Film Festival is officially recognised by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences USA, the British Academy of Film and Television Arts and the British Independent Film Awards. Selected shorts will qualify for Oscar® and BAFTA nominations. British short films that play in competition and all British features that play in 2018 will be eligible for entry for the 2018 British Independent Film Awards BIFA.

ABOUT RAINDANCE – THE VOICE OF INDEPENDENT FILM

Raindance is dedicated to fostering and promoting independent film in the UK and around the world. Based in the heart of London, Raindance combines [Raindance Film Festival](#), [Training Courses](#), which are offered throughout the year through its 11 international hubs and the prestigious [British Independent Film Awards](#).

