



SXSW Unveils Lineup With James Caan, Ethan Hawke, Keegan-Michael Key Movies

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South by Southwest has unveiled most of its eclectic lineup with world premieres of movies starring James Caan, Nicolas Cage, Ethan Hawke, Keegan-Michael Key, Adam Scott and Bella Thorne.

The 23rd edition of the Austin-based festival opens March 11 with the previously announced Richard Linklater comedy-drama “Everybody Wants Some.”

The nine-day festival will screen 139 films, including 52 films from first-time filmmakers, 89 world premieres, 14 North American premieres and seven U.S. premieres. These films were selected from 2,455 feature-length film submissions composed of 1,467 U.S. and 990 international feature-length films from a total of 7,235 submissions.

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“SXSW prides itself on presenting an eclectic mix of emerging and established talent in a range of genres from comedy, thrillers, docs and international gems,” said Janet Pierson, head of SXSW Film. “We’ve been told we program the way real people watch movies: sometimes for fun, sometimes for mind expansion, then there’s the art, and who doesn’t love a great surprise?” Pierson said the festival has decided to keep the number of titles in the narrative and documentary competitions at 10 each. That number was boosted last year from eight in each category.

“We selected filmmakers who are early in their careers for the competition slots,” she added. She also noted that the number of films screening — currently at 139, but due to rise in coming weeks — is consistent with last year’s total of 150. “We are trying to hold the line,” Pierson added.

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Visions filmmakers are audacious, risk-taking artists in the new cinema landscape who demonstrate raw innovation and creativity in documentary and narrative filmmaking.

“Jules and Dolores” (Brazil)

Director: Caito Ortiz, Screenwriters: Lusa Silvestre, Caíto Ortiz

Jules and Dolores is a pop comedy about the theft of the World Cup Trophy that occurred in Brazil in 1983. Curiously enough, nobody truly knows the details surrounding this unbelievable event, until now. Cast: Paulo Tiefenthaler, Taís Araujo, Danilo Grangheia, Milhem Cortaz, Fabio Marcoff, Pedro Wagner, Álvaro Diniz, Thelmo Fernandes, Otto Jr (World Premiere)