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JAKE GYLLENHAAL TO BE HONORED WITH THE HOLLYWOOD SUPPORTING ACTOR AWARD AT THE HOLLYWOOD FILM AWARDS

HOLLYWOOD, CA (Sept 23, 2013) – Carlos de Abreu, founder and executive producer of the 17th Annual Hollywood Film Awards, announced today that Academy Award®-nominated actor Jake Gyllenhaal will be honored with this year's Hollywood Supporting Actor Award for his extraordinary work in Denis Villeneuve's acclaimed thriller "Prisoners." The award will be bestowed at the Hollywood Film Awards Gala Ceremony on Monday evening, October 21, 2013 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills.

"We are thrilled to present the Hollywood Supporting Actor Award to Jake Gyllenhaal for his unforgettable performance in 'Prisoners,'" said de Abreu. "His is a truly compelling, subtly layered portrayal of a man tasked with the impossible and driven by the demons of his own past. Jake has given a myriad of outstanding performances throughout his career, but his work in 'Prisoners' delivers a new level of complexity, as reflected in the rave reviews the film has received."

Jake Gyllenhaal received Oscar® and Screen Actors Guild Award® nominations, and won the BAFTA and National Board of Review Awards, for his performance in Ang Lee's "Brokeback Mountain." He also earned a Golden Globe nomination for his leading role in Edward Zwick's "Love and Other Drugs." Gyllenhaal has worked with some of Hollywood's greatest filmmakers, starring in both independent and studio films, including Richard Kelly's cult hit "Donnie Darko"; Sam Mendes' "Jarhead"; Jim Sheridan's "Brothers"; David Fincher's "Zodiac"; John Madden's "Proof"; Miguel Arteta's "The Good Girl"; Brad Silberling's "Moonlight Mile"; Nicole Holofcener's "Lovely and Amazing"; and Joe Johnston's "October Sky." More recently, he starred in Duncan Jones's critically acclaimed sci-fi thriller "Source Code," and David Ayer's "End of Watch," and will next be seen in a dual role in Villeneuve's "Enemy." The actor will also star in and produce the crime drama "Nightcrawler," written and directed by Dan Gilroy, followed by "Everest," for director Baltasar Kormákur.

"Prisoners" is an edge-of-your-seat dramatic thriller that poses the question: How far would you go to protect your family? Keller Dover (Hugh Jackman) is facing every parent's worst nightmare. His six-year-old daughter, Anna, is missing, together with her young friend, Joy, and as minutes turn to hours, panic sets in. The best lead is a dilapidated RV that had earlier been parked on their street. Heading the investigation, Detective Loki (Gyllenhaal) arrests its driver, Alex Jones (Paul Dano), but a lack of evidence forces his release. As the police pursue multiple leads and pressure mounts, knowing his child's life is at stake the frantic Dover decides he has no choice but to take matters into his own hands. But just how far will this desperate father go to protect his family?

Denis Villeneuve directs the film from an original screenplay by Aaron Guzikowski. Oscar® nominee Broderick Johnson (“The Blind Side”), Kira Davis, Oscar® nominee Andrew A. Kosove (“The Blind Side”), and Adam Kolbrenner are the producers, with Edward L. McDonnell, John H. Starke, Robyn Meisinger, Mark Wahlberg and Stephen Levinson serving as executive producers.

The Hollywood Film Awards honors cherished stars, filmmakers and up-and-coming talent, and traditionally kicks off the film awards season with the biggest stars and top industry executives in attendance.

Last year’s awards show received more than 41 million media impressions, in addition to more than 300 million online and print readers’ impressions.

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