**ACADEMY AWARD® WINNER CASEY AFFLECK TO BE HONORED AT 52ND KARLOVY VARY INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL**

PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC **(May 15th, 2017) –** The Karlovy Vary International Film Festival is proud to announce that the Academy Award® winning actor Casey Affleck will be the recipient of The Festival President’s Award. At the 52nd edition of KVIFF this summer, Affleck will introduce the mesmerizing cinematic poem ***A Ghost Story***, together with the writer and director David Lowery and producers Toby Halbrooks and James M. Johnston**.**

The Festival President’s Award is a special honor given to actors, directors, and producers who have contributed in a fundamental way to the development of contemporary world cinema.

*“We are very glad that Casey Affleck is accepting the Karlovy Vary IFF President’s Award and will present David Lowery’s new picture A Ghost Story at our 52nd edition. In 2013, the Festival presented, to great acclaim, Lowery’s Ain’t Them Bodies Saints, although Mr. Affleck was unable to attend. We regard Casey Affleck as one of the most intriguing actors in contemporary American film and are honored to welcome the filmmakers during the presentation of A Ghost Story.” –*KVIFF President Jiří Bartoška

**Upcoming Projects for Casey Affleck**

Reuniting with David Lowery for the third time, Affleck recently completed production on *The Old Man and the Gun*, starring opposite Robert Redford and Sissy Spacek. David Lowery’s *A Ghost Story,* in which Affleck stars opposite Rooney Mara, will be released by A24 in July 2017 in the USA. Additionally, Affleck is in post production on his directorial feature *Light of my Life*, which he also wrote and stars in. The story follows a father (Affleck) and daughter living on the outskirts of society destabilized by a deadly pandemic.

**About Karlovy Vary International Film Festival**

Founded in 1946, The Karlovy Vary International Film Festival is ranked as one of the most prestigious film festivals globally and as the most influential film event in Central and Eastern Europe. The Festival, located in the 14th century spa town of Karlovy Vary, showcases approximately 180 new feature length films from all over the world in both competitive and non-competitive sections. Last year in the Official Selection, East of the West, and Documentary Films competitions, 21 films received their world premiere, 25 had an international premiere and 9 appeared as a European premiere. Karlovy Vary is always open to the public and is attended every year by upwards of 130,000 people. More information about the program sections can be found here: <http://www.kviff.com/en/about-the-festival/programe-sections>

Festival runs **June 30th – July 8, 2017** in Karlovy Vary, Czech Republic.

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