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## DEAUVILLE AMERICAN FILM FESTIVAL OF CINEMA TO KICK OFF FOR 50TH EDITION

### 108 FILMS IN COMPETITION IN 8 CATEGORIES

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**USPA NEWS** - The American Film Festival of Deauville is about to kick off on 6th September until 15th of September, and celebrating fifty (50) years of American films in Normandy, France. Benoit Magimel, French renowned and multi-awarded actor, is the chairman of the jury.

Numerous American stars from all over the world have already confirmed their venue. Michael Douglas is the guest of honour for the 50th American Film festival of Deauville. Many surprises are to be expected as we publish... We will present to you the highlights of this unique American film festival in Deauville (September 6-15, 2024) of which our correspondent Disabled journalist in a wheelchair will report in addition to elements relating to the accessibility of the festival. Is it or not handy friendly?

### FRENCH-AMERICAN LOVE STORY OVER NORMANDY-DEAUVILLE CELEBRATING FILMS FOR 50 YEARS

It was in 1891 that a certain Thomas Alva Edison (1847-1931) modestly produced the first films in the United States in his workshop. Four years later, the first public presentation took place in New York. Then, the center of film production moved from the East Coast to the West Coast, and Hollywood was born, the nerve center of the world of cinema. A century and a decade later, we live in France, in Deauville, in Normandy, where American cinema will be celebrated this year 2024 and will begin its fiftieth anniversary.

This is celebrated, and who says celebration says, red carpet walked by big Hollywood stars, but only. This is how Lionel Chouchan and André Halimi wanted to extend this dialogue of silent eyes further to America, a major player in the 7th art, whose preeminence continues to be denied more than a century after the beginnings of Hollywood. Supported in the mid-1970s by the mayor of Deauville Michel d'Ornano and Lucien Barrière, founder of the group that bears his name, they launched the Deauville American Film Festival in 1975, "When the lights come back on, the images persist. The illusion of movement in 24 shots per second has worked. We must never lose sight of the fact that cinema is above all a game of looks, where the eye of the filmmaker comes to meet that of the spectator." (Source American Film Festival Deauville)

It is the most coveted and prestigious festival in filmography after the Cannes Film Festival in France, attracting film buffs from all over the world to the Lower Normandy coast for fifty years (50)

"If the outsiders of yesteryear, faces of the New Hollywood, have become the revered masters of today, their visions of yesteryear accompany the fresh eyes of filmmakers who are ever more eager to shake up perspectives again and again. In Deauville, eyes remain constantly open to extend the dialogue. "According to American Film Festival Deauville.

### BENOIT MAGIMEL FRENCH RENOWNED MULTI-AWARDED ACTOR IS THE PRESIDENT OF JURY

This year, it is Benoit Magimel, famous and beloved, admired French actor, who is presiding the American Film Festival of Deauville. His last role in THE PASSION OF DODIN BOUFFANT by Trần Anh Hùng, which represented France at the Oscars, established him among the American public as the embodiment of the marriage of the 7th art and gastronomy, as a national jewel.

Benoit Magimel multiplies the great performances and have earned him several awards including the Cannes Film Festival's Best Actor Award in 2001 for The Pianist, the César for Best Supporting Actor in 2016 for Standing Tall before winning two consecutive Césars for Best Actor, in 2022 for In His Life and in 2023 for Pacifiction. He has a tremendous track record with more than a hundred nominations.

### MICHAEL DOUGLAS IS THE GUEST HONOUR OF AMERICAN FILM FESTIVAL OF DEAUVILLE

"Everyone says that the Deauville Festival is special, but few people can say like me that it has changed their lives." Michael Douglas

Some relationships are unmistakable. The one that unites Michael Douglas to the Deauville Festival is obvious. As he had so aptly recalled in September 2020, when the memory of his father Kirk, the last legend of the golden age of Hollywood who had passed away a few months earlier, was celebrated in Deauville, the name "Douglas" has left a deep mark on the minds of the Normandy city...TBC

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