

Press release

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Kering and the Festival de Cannes invite Jodie Foster to open the 2016 edition of the *Women in Motion* programme

∞ **During the 69th International Festival de Cannes, Kering and the Festival are hosting the second edition of the 'Women in Motion' Talks: a series of open discussions about the role of women in cinema, with a particular focus on ways of improving the representation of women in the industry.**

The Talks are one of the core features of the 'Women in Motion' programme, and will begin on Thursday, 12 May 2016. Held each day at the Majestic Hotel in Cannes, they will be delivered to a specially invited audience of film journalists and professionals.

The Opening 'Women in Motion' Talk, which will take place at 11 a.m. on Thursday, 12 May 2016, will be given by the actress, director and producer Jodie Foster, whose long and rich career is universally acclaimed. Foster was spotted as a young girl by film industry professionals, and enjoyed her first major success aged just 12 in Martin Scorsese's *Taxi Driver*, which was awarded the Palme d'Or at the Festival de Cannes in 1976. Since then, the American actress has enjoyed a string of successes, particularly in *The Accused* by Jonathan Kaplan and Jonathan Demme's *The Silence of the Lambs*, for which both she and the director picked up Oscars. In 2011, Foster presented her own film *The Beaver* at the Festival de Cannes.

At the 69th Festival de Cannes, she will present her latest directorial work *Money Monster*, starring Julia Roberts and George Clooney.

Hosted by Variety, the 2016 Women in Motion Talks in English will also feature, among others,

- The *We Do It Together* team (WDIT), a production company created to finance and produce films, documentaries, TV and other forms of media, uniquely dedicated to the empowerment of women
 - o Juliette Binoche, actress and WDIT Advisory Board member
 - o Marianne Slot, producer of ELLES, former President of Cinema du Monde, WDIT Advisory Board member
 - o Patricia Riggen, director of *Miracles from heaven*, WDIT Advisory Board member
 - o Chiara Tilesi, producer and founder of WDIT
- The Geena Davis Institute on Gender Media, including its founder Geena Davis and its CEO Madeline Di Nonno
- The actress Susan Sarandon
- The actress, producer and director Salma Hayek Pinault
- The director, producer and screenwriter, Lisa Azuelos
- Su-Mei Thompson, CEO of The Women's Foundation, Hong Kong
- Zainab Salbi, President of Women for Women, founder and host of the Nida'a's show
- The actress, former model, designer and director Chloé Sevigny
- Keri Putnam, Executive Director of the Sundance Institute
- The producer Celine Rattray
- Rena Ronson, Head of UTA Independent Film Group
- Francine Raveney, PR and Press Relations Manager for the European Women's Audiovisual Network (EWA)

The full programme for the 2016 Women in Motion Talks will be unveiled in the coming days. Please remember to confirm your participation to each Talk – seats are limited and on invitation only.

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#WomenInMotion #Cannes 2016**



The 2016 Women in Motion Talks are organized in partnership with Variety, Le Figaro, Madame Figaro and ELLE China.

More information:

[Women in Motion official Website](#)

[Official videos of the first edition](#)

About 'Women in Motion'

The aim of the 'Women in Motion' programme is to stimulate discussion and encourage reflection on the place of women in the film industry, both on and off the screen. Launched in May 2015 as part of the partnership between Kering and the Festival de Cannes, 'Women in Motion' is now an integral part of the Festival's official programme. The programme features two fundamental components: the Talks, which are a series of open interviews with one or several guests, which take place throughout the duration of the Festival, to create a platform for considering and exchanging views on the multi-faceted issue of women in the film industry; and the 'Women in Motion' Awards, presented each year to an iconic figure and to one or several up-and-coming talents at the Festival de Cannes "Presidential Dinner".

About Kering

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