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# Variety and AARP Movies for Grownups® Announce the Return of Annual Screening Series

Initial Lineup to Include Loving, A Monster Calls and Nocturnal Animals

**LOS ANGELES, CA** – Variety and AARP today announced the 2016 Variety and AARP Movies for Grownups® Screening Series. The series, which merges the annual Variety Screening Series with AARP's Movies for Grownups® film festival, will showcase the most anticipated films of the year, each campaigning for prominent awards for cinematic achievement. Each of the screenings will be followed by a Q&A conversation with the films' directors, writers, producers and cast members.

The initial lineup for the 2016 series includes:

- 10/13 A Monster Calls Q&A: J.A. Bayona, Sigourney Weaver
- 10/17 Loving Q&A: Jeff Nichols, Ruth Negga, Joel Edgerton
- 11/03 Nocturnal Animals Q&A: Tom Ford, Amy Adams, Michael Shannon, Aaron Taylor-Johnson

Additional film screenings will be announced in the coming weeks. The series is open to voting guild members, AARP members, and special guests from the entertainment community.

"Once again, Variety is honored to partner with the AARP for our annual screening series which showcases the most anticipated films campaigning for the 2017 awards race," said Michelle Sobrino-Stearns.

For more than 10 years, Variety's annual Screening Series brought together awards contenders with Variety's film and awards season team for candid conversations and interesting dialog. The well-established series has featured Q&As with notable actors and filmmakers, including Angelina Jolie, Eddie Redmayne, Alejandro Innaritu, Steve Carell, Julianne Moore, J.K. Simmons, Jennifer Aniston and many more. This year, Jenelle Riley, Andrew Barker and Kristopher Tapley from Variety will lead Q&A conversations with AARP entertainment director Meg Grant and AARP movie critic Bill Newcott.

AARP Movies for Grownups® is a high-impact multimedia franchise that was started in 2002 by AARP The Magazine editors to spotlight and celebrate movies with storylines, performances, and filmmaking that have distinct relevance to the 50-plus audience.

"We're delighted to collaborate with Variety for another screening series to highlight the season's most highly anticipated movies for our audience," said Myrna Blyth, senior vice president and editorial director for AARP Media. "This year offers many great films with depth, heart and soul, and we're excited to celebrate and discuss the films that resonate with an important and impactful audience - the 50-plus movie-goer."

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#### **About AARP**

AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, with a membership of nearly 38 million that helps people turn their goals and dreams into 'Real Possibilities' by changing the way America defines aging. With staffed offices in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, AARP works to strengthen communities and promote the issues that matter most to families such as healthcare security, financial security and personal fulfillment. AARP also advocates for individuals in the marketplace by selecting products and services of high quality and value to carry the AARP name. As a trusted source for news and information, AARP produces the world's largest circulation magazine, AARP The Magazine and AARP Bulletin. AARP does not endorse candidates for public office or make contributions to political campaigns or candidates. To learn more, visit www.aarp.org or follow @aarp and our CEO @JoAnn\_Jenkins on Twitter.

### **About Variety**

Variety remains the seminal voice of the entertainment industry for 111 years and counting. Featuring award-winning breaking news reporting, insightful award-season coverage, must-read feature spotlights and intelligent analysis of the industry's most prominent players, Variety is the trusted source for the business of global entertainment. Read by a highly engaged audience of industry insiders, Variety's multi-platform content

coverage expands across digital, mobile, social, print and branded events and summits.

In 2015 Variety's "Actors on Actors" on PBS was awarded the Emmy for best entertainment programming at the Television Academy's 67th Los Angeles area Emmy Awards. "Actors on Actors," which is an interview special that features pairings of prominent actors discussing their craft, was produced by PBS SoCal in partnership with Variety Media, LLC. Follow Variety on Facebook facebook.com/variety; Twitter, @variety; Instagram, @Variety; Pintrest and Snapchat. The Variety Group – Variety, Variety.com, Variety Insight, Indiewire, LA 411, NY 411 – is owned by Variety Media, LLC, a division of Penske Media Corporation.

## **About AARP The Magazine**

With nearly 36 million readers, AARP The Magazine is the world's largest circulation magazine and the definitive lifestyle publication for Americans 50-plus. AARP The Magazine delivers comprehensive content through health and fitness features, financial guidance, consumer interest information and tips, celebrity interviews, and book and movie reviews. AARP The Magazine was founded in 1958 and is published bimonthly in print and continually online. Learn more at www.aarp.org/magazine/.

## About AARP Movies For Grownups®

The AARP Movies for Grownups® multimedia franchise, created in 2002 by the editors of AARP The Magazine, highlights stories and performances that resonate with the 50+ audience. It offers talent interviews, weekly online reviews and previews, film festivals, free movie screenings and year-round coverage in print and online. The February/March issue of AARP The Magazine, available February 1, will feature the 2016 Movies for Grownups awards for the best movies and performances of the year. For more information about Movies for Grownups, visit aarp.org/movies.

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