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Geneva Award 2020 goes to Mads Mikkelsen

This great Danish actor will be the guest of honor at the 26th Geneva International Film Festival (GIFF), which is dedicating a major retrospective to his career in association with Cinémas du Grütli. He will also present the Swiss premiere of his latest film, *Another Round (Druk)*, accompanied on this occasion by director Thomas Vinterberg (*Festen, The Hunt*, etc.).

For its 26th festival (November 6-15) GIFF welcomes Danish actor Mads Mikkelsen, winner of the second Geneva Award presented by the Festival. Once a James Bond villain in *Casino Royale*, a terrifying serial killer in the TV series *Hannibal* or an ordinary citizen facing accusations of pedophilia in *The Hunt*, which earned him a Performance Award at the Cannes Film Festival, Mads Mikkelsen has been a key figure in Scandinavian and international cinema since the 1990s.

“He’s an actor like few others, a huge actor, out of the ordinary, who like Christopher Walken, with whom he shares many other similarities, has retained from his past as a dancer a particular relationship with space and the body. Remarkably precise, he is as sharp on stage as he is in his career choices,” explains Emmanuel Cuénod, GIFF’s general and artistic director. “It is an honor to present him with the Geneva Award and to welcome him to the Swiss premiere of one of this year’s strongest films, *Another Round*. We are particularly pleased that Thomas Vinterberg, whose every work we’ve been watching out for since *Festen*, will also be with us.”

Awarded to Xavier Dolan last year, the Geneva Award honors the work of film personalities whose careers have a particular influence on young film professionals. It will be presented on November 13. Early Bird passes are on sale until October 4 on giff.ch and enable pass-holders to reserve a place at the event from today.

During the retrospective dedicated to the actor, festival-goers will have the chance to discover the Swiss Premiere of *Another Round (Druk)* distributed in Switzerland by Pathé Films, *The Hunt (Jagten)* as well as *After the wedding (Efter Brylluppet)* by Susanne Bier.

Key dates and information:

- The 26th GIFF will take place on November 6-15, 2020
- Early Bird passes at a reduced rate are on sale until October 4, on giff.ch. To attend the presentation of the Geneva Award, reservation is required at billetterie@giff.ch.
- Visit giff.ch on October 15, 2020 to discover the whole program

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