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## AFI FEST 2019 PRESENTED BY AUDI ANNOUNCES GALA PREMIERE OF THE CROWN

Festival to Honor THE CROWN Creator Peter Morgan With A Tribute To His Career

Season Three Award-Winning Cast to Also Appear

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE —** October 17, 2019, Los Angeles, CA — Today, the American Film Institute (AFI) announced that AFI FEST 2019 presented by Audi will host An Evening With Peter Morgan which will include a conversation with Academy Award®-nominated, Emmy Award®-nominated and Golden Globe®-winning writer and producer in tribute to his celebrated career, followed by a Gala screening of the highly anticipated third season of Netflix's THE CROWN. In attendance alongside Morgan will be season three cast members; Olivia Colman, Tobias Menzies, Helena Bonham Carter, Josh O'Connor and Erin Doherty. The event will be held on Saturday, November 16, at the historic TCL Chinese Theatre.

"Peter Morgan has an unmatched talent in creating some of the most engaging historical dramas," said Michael Lumpkin, Director, AFI Festivals. "With the bold and brilliant move of introducing a new cast for season three of THE CROWN, Morgan takes us deeper into the politics, pageantry and personalities of the British royal family."

THE CROWN tells the inside story of two of the most famous addresses in the world – Buckingham Palace and 10 Downing Street – and the intrigues, love lives and machinations behind the great events that shaped the second half of the 20th century. Two houses, two courts, one Crown. Olivia Colman takes over the iconic role as Queen Elizabeth in season three. The new season also features Tobias Menzies as Prince Phillip, Helena Bonham Carter as Princess Margaret and newcomers Josh O'Connor as Prince Charles and Erin Doherty as Princess Anne.

Peter Morgan is an international award-winning writer for stage, screen and film. As well as receiving Oscar® and BAFTA Award nominations for his screenplay for Stephen Frears' THE QUEEN starring Helen Mirren, Morgan won a host of international awards including Golden Globe, British Independent Film and Evening Standard British Film Awards. The award-winning and Tony-nominated play FROST/NIXON received critical acclaim on both sides of the Atlantic before being adapted into a multi Academy Award®-nominated film of the same name. The film garnered five Oscar® nominations, including Best Screenplay. Morgan's many other film credits include the award-winning THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND, THE DAMNED UNITED and RUSH, directed by Ron Howard. His extensive television credits include THE LOST HONOUR OF CHRISTOPHER JEFFRIES, the critically acclaimed THE DEAL – the first part of Morgan's Tony Blair Trilogy (BAFTA Award for Best Drama) - THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP and LONGFORD. Morgan wrote the award-winning West End play THE AUDIENCE starring Helen Mirren.

## AS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED

AFI FEST 2019 takes place November 14-21, 2019, at historic theaters in Los Angeles. Screenings, Galas, and other events will be held at the TCL Chinese Theatre, the TCL Chinese 6 Theatres and the Hollywood Roosevelt and will open on Thursday, November 14 with the World Premiere of AFI Conservatory alumna Melina Matsoukas's *QUEEN & SLIM*. Academy Award® winner Clint Eastwood's *RICHARD JEWELL* will have its World Premiere as a Gala screening on Wednesday, November 20 and the festival will close with the World Premiere of George Nolfi's *THE BANKER* on Thursday, November 21. The World Cinema and Documentary sections can be found [here](#). The full festival lineup and schedule will be unveiled later this month.

Audi returns for the 16th year as the exclusive Presenting Sponsor of AFI FEST, enabling the festival to host the very best of world cinema. Audi and their visionary support reflect a continuing commitment to create opportunities for equality in film and television. Audi also supports AFI through the Audi Fellowship for Women, a full-tuition scholarship created in 2017 to support promising female directors entering the AFI Conservatory. This Fellowship is part of the Audi commitment to drive progress and a landmark investment in the future of the storytelling community.

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### **About AFI FEST presented by Audi**

Now in its 33<sup>rd</sup> year, AFI FEST presented by Audi is a world-class event, showcasing the best films from across the globe to captivated audiences in Los Angeles. With a diverse and innovative slate of programming, the eight-day festival presents screenings, panels and conversations, featuring both master filmmakers and new voices. World premieres, Galas and other special events take place at iconic LA locations, such as the historic TCL Chinese Theatre and the glamorous Hollywood Roosevelt. This year's edition takes place November 14-21, 2019. Additional information about AFI FEST is available at AFI.com/AFIFEST. Connect with AFI FEST at [facebook.com/AFIFEST](#), [twitter.com/AFIFEST](#) and [youtube.com/AFI](#).

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