

Press release

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25th GIFF: Park Chan-wook winner of the Film & Beyond Award

For its 25th event held from November 1 to 10, 2019, the Geneva International Film Festival // GIFF will spotlight one of the greatest names in South-Korea's film industry, **Park Chan-wook**. In order to pay tribute to this major figure on the audiovisual landscape, GIFF will feature several original versions of his works, including the complete director's cut of the series, ***The Little Drummer Girl***.

The first name on GIFF's 25th program, South-Korean filmmaker Park Chan-wook will receive the Festival's honorary prize, the **Film & Beyond Award**, during a special night. "A major figure in Asian cinema, Park Chan-wook has left a mark on the last two decades with baroque, opera-like and scathingly beautiful movies", says GIFF Artistic Director Emmanuel Cuénod. "His recent, striking contribution to TV series has established his status as a key figure in the contemporary audiovisual industry."

GIFF will dedicate a program to him, mainly comprising films in their original versions. Aside from the director's cut of ***The Little Drummer Girl***, Park Chan-wook's first TV adventure, produced by the BBC and broadcasted on Canal+ will be screened in full for the first time at the movie theater. The public will also get to discover the new cuts of his two major feature films, ***Thirst*** and ***The Handmaiden***. Three fascinating short movies will complement this tribute: ***Believe it or not (Ban-sin-ban-ui)***, ***Day Trip (Cheongchul-eoram)*** and ***Night Fishing (Paranmanjang)***.

In collaboration with watchmaking brand O.ZBINDEN, the Film & Beyond Award has rewarded the work of movie personalities who explore other formats and disciplines, since 2014. Park Chan-wook illustrates the Festival's focus for 2019, i.e. highlighting the transversal nature of today's artists and audiences. The filmmaker will be present at GIFF from November 1 to 6.

- *The 25th GIFF will take place from November 1 to 10, 2019.*
- *Early Bird passes at a reduced price are available from today at giff.ch.*
- *The full program will be revealed on October 9, 2019.*