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CINEQUEST FILM & CREATIVITY FESTIVAL 2019 VIETNAMESE CINEMA CELEBRATION

The Cinequest Film & Creativity Festival is proud to shine a light on Vietnam in its 2019 lineup, which includes a compelling tragi-comedy by director Kim Nguyen of Vietnamese descent, along with a dramatic feature examining the lives of women in rural Vietnam in the 19th-century. Vietnam has notoriously been the setting of war films since the 1970s, but its complex history, humble people, and stunning landscape also deserve to take center stage. Cinequest is proud to give its audiences a glimpse into this often overlooked and beautiful world. Screening and events will occur throughout the March 5th to 17th festival in San Jose and Redwood City, California.

Feature Films

THE THIRD WIFE (DRAMA)

Directed and Written by Ash Mayfair; Vietnamese with English subtitles

The Third Wife is set in the lush backdrop of a rural 19th century Vietnam. Fourteen-year-old May finds herself wed to a wealthy silkworm farmer—who already has several wives. No wife has yet to bear a son, so May prays for a boy. The farm, busy with daily routines, holds secrets that May slowly unearths. She awakens to the joys and heartaches of life and the complexities of death as events unfold in sensual detail. The women and girls on the farm—especially the second wife—take to May's naiveté and help her adjust to her new, unconventional family.

THE HUMMINGBIRD PROJECT (DRAMA)

Directed by Kim Nguyen

Jesse Eisenberg (*The Social Network*) and Alexander Skarsgård (*True Blood*) play scheming cousins Vincent and Anton Zalesky in Academy Award-nominated director Kim Nguyen's (*War Witch*) *The Hummingbird Project*. In the hopes of striking it rich, the cousins try to build a thousand-mile-long, four-inch-wide tunnel from Kansas to New Jersey that will give them a one-millisecond edge on transactions at the New York Stock Exchange. They end up in the crosshairs of their ruthless former employer Eva Torres (Salma Hayek, *Frida*), a Wall Street

lion willing to devour anyone in her path. Time is rapidly running out on the guys' outrageous plan.

Cinequest Film & Creativity Festival 2019 occurs March 5 – March 17, 2019 in San Jose and Redwood City (Silicon Valley).

Complete lineup, passes, and tickets at www.cinequest.org

About Cinequest

The story and legacy of Cinequest is bringing together the Silicon Valley's technologies and spirit of innovation with the arts to empower great creations—and connecting audiences, youth, artists, and innovators with these creations and with each other, improving our lives and our future. Cinequest's uniqueness and impact result from being ahead of the curve in the powerful integration of creativity and innovation. Cinequest does this through the Cinequest Film & Creativity Festival ([Voted Best Film Festival by USA Today Readers](#)) and [Picture The Possibilities by Cinequest](#).

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