

NADINE LABAKI AND RANBIR KAPOOR TO RECEIVE VARIETY INTERNATIONAL VANGUARD AWARDS AT THE RED SEA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Jeddah, Saudi Arabia – 29th November, 2022: The Red Sea International Film Festival (Red Sea IFF) announced today that acclaimed Lebanese director, screenwriter, and actor Nadine Labaki and multi-award-winning Indian actor Ranbir Kapoor will receive Variety International Vanguard Awards at the upcoming second edition of the Red Sea International Film Festival in Jeddah, on the Eastern shore of the Red Sea.

Nadine Labaki will be presented with the **Variety International Vanguard Filmmaker Award**. Labaki first made her mark in the film industry with her feature debut, *Caramel*, which premiered at Cannes Film Festival in 2007. Known for using her filmmaking platform to highlight aspects of everyday life in Lebanon. She is also the first female Arab director to have been nominated for an Oscar in the category for Best Foreign Language Film for *Capernaum*. Labaki will also be taking part in an 'In Conversation' event set to take place on Saturday, 3rd December at Vox Cinemas, Red Sea Mall to discuss her inspiring career to date.

Ranbir Kapoor will be presented the **Variety International Vanguard Actor Award**. One of India's biggest acting talents and hailing from a legacy family, Kapoor carried on the indelible mark made on the Indian Film Industry by the Kapoor family. Ranbir Kapoor rose to fame in 2007 with *Saawariya* by Sanjay Leela Bhansali since which he went on to star in box office hits such as *Rockstar* and *Barfi!*, earning him two consecutive Filmfare Awards for Best Actor. Today 15 years and over 30 roles later, on the heels of the Disney blockbuster '*Brahmastra*', Kapoor has carved out for himself a distinct identity as a performer that can entertain audiences across a diverse set of roles. He will be taking part in an 'In Conversation' event on Wednesday, 7th December at Vox Cinemas, Red Sea Mall to discuss his fascinating career in cinema so far.

Mohammed Al Turki; CEO of the RedSeaIFF said: "Nadine Labaki and Ranbir Kapoor are two remarkable talents in the film industry. We are honored to be partnering with Variety to recognise their huge talent and contribution to the industry, and to be hosting In Conversation events with each of them to hear about their past success and hopes for the future. Each a unique storyteller, we look forward to welcoming them to Jeddah."

ENDS

For further press information:

media@redseafilmfest.com

About The Red Sea International Film Festival

The second edition of the Red Sea International Film Festival will screen the best of the Arab and international cinema in Jeddah. The Festival will also showcase a retrospective program to celebrate the masters of cinema. The Red Sea International Film Festival is a platform for Arab filmmakers and industry professionals from around the world to connect, host competitions for short and feature films, and organize masterclasses to support emerging talent. It will take place from December 1 — 10, 2022.

ABOUT VARIETY

Variety is the seminal voice of the entertainment industry. After 117 years of 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 most trusted source for the business of global entertainment. Read by a highly engaged audience of industry insiders, aspirants and passionate entertainment enthusiasts, Variety's multi-platform content coverage expands across digital, mobile, social, print, podcasts, branded content, events, and summits.

In May 2019, *Variety's* "[Actors on Actors](#)" on PBS took home a Daytime Creative Arts Emmy award and has been awarded the Emmy for best entertainment programming at the 67th and 68th [Emmy Awards](#). "Actors on Actors," 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](#) The Variety Group – *Variety*, [Variety.com](#), *Variety Insight*, *Indiewire*, – is owned by Variety Media, LLC, a division of Penske Media Corporation.