

Oscar winners Susan Sarandon and Geena Davis headline exclusive screening of Thelma & Louise during the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage

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High-profile guests celebrate pioneering women who contribute to changing mindsets and achieving gender equality



(left to right) Susan Sarandon and Geena Davis

New York, NY, January 29, 2020 – Last evening, among entertainment, fashion, and cultural leaders, Academy Award-winning actresses **Susan Sarandon** and **Geena Davis** hosted a private screening of Ridley Scott's landmark film, *Thelma & Louise*, at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City, presented by **Kering**, the leading luxury group.

Timed during the historic, 100th anniversary of women's suffrage, the evening celebrated the film, as the forerunner of feminist cinema, and raised awareness on women's contributions to the industry, both in front of and behind the camera, and to society, through Kering's *Women In Motion* program. Since its creation in 2015, *Women In Motion* has highlighted the creativity and uniqueness of talented women whose work in the fields of arts and culture is helping to transform our vision of the world. In 2016, Susan Sarandon and Geena Davis were the recipients of the *Women In Motion* Award, which recognizes every year during the Cannes Film Festival the careers and commitments shown by leading female figures in the world of cinema.

The night kicked off with red carpet arrivals, followed by a screening of the film in the museum's Celeste Bartos Theater, presented by **Ms. Sarandon**; **Ms. Davis**; and **Laurent Claquin**, President of Kering Americas.

To cap off the festivities, select notables attended an intimate dinner gathering at nearby celebrity watering hole, Monkey Bar, also hosted by Ms. Sarandon, Ms. Davis, and Kering.

In addition to the film's stars, other noteworthy guests included: Diane Kruger (co-host), Christine Baranski (co-host), Michael Stipe, Arianna Huffington (co-host), Padma Lakshmi (co-host), Rupert Friend and Aimee Mullins (co-host), Radhika Jones (co-host), Nina Garcia (co-host), Griffin Dunne, Mario Sorrenti and Mary Frey, Jenna Lyons, Candace Bushnell, Bee and Francesco Carrozzini (co-host), Sara Moonves (co-host), Marilyn Minter, Sophie Auster, Emma Ferrer, Linda Fargo (co-host), Kerby Jean-Raymond, Bruce Bozzi (co-host), Amy Fine Collins, Richard Phillips, Lauren Remington Platt, and Jennifer Creel.

Widely regarded as one of the important films of the 1990s, *Thelma and Louise* tells the story of two best friends—a bored housewife and straight-laced waitress at a coffee shop—who are sick of what they've settled for. Deciding to escape the tedium of their everyday lives, the pair sneak off in Louise's '66 T-bird convertible for a three-day fishing trip with no husbands, no boyfriends, and no problems. But things don't go quite according to plan when an encounter with a drunken, foul-mouthed, would-be rapist transforms their quiet getaway into a cross-country escape that will change their lives forever.

The distribution of *Thelma & Louise* is courtesy of Park Circus Films.

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About Women In Motion

Kering, a partner of the Festival de Cannes, launched *Women In Motion* in 2015 to shine a light on women's contribution to cinema, both in front of and behind the camera. Since then, the program has been expanded to include the worlds of photography, arts and literature. For although creativity is one of the most powerful forces for change, gender inequality in this areas remains flagrant. Through its awards, *Women In Motion* recognizes both inspirational figures and talented young women, while its Talks provide an opportunity for some of the leading names in cinema and arts to share their views on women's representation in their profession. For the past five years, *Women In Motion* has been a platform for helping to change mindsets and to providing thought leadership on both the role and the recognition given to women in all areas of the arts.

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