



Sony Pictures Presents
DEVOTION Clips & Conversation with Director JD Dillard
A BronzeLens 2022 Exclusive Event
Thursday, August 25, at Landmark Midtown Art Cinema

MEDIA ADVISORY

For Immediate Release:

WHO: BronzeLens Film Festival (BronzeLens) **Presents: DEVOTION Clips and Conversation with Director JD Dillard**

WHAT: Now in its thirteenth year BronzeLens runs through Sunday, August 28th in Atlanta, Georgia. Among the festival's exclusive programming is Sony Pictures CLIPS and CONVERSATION with JD Dillard, director of the highly anticipated film DEVOTION.

JD Dillard has established himself as a director and writer to watch, with an extraordinary ability to captivate audiences through authentic yet innovative storytelling. Dillard's next big screen endeavor is the highly-anticipated historical war epic DEVOTION, which Sony Pictures will release domestically in November 2022.

The film stars Jonathan Majors and Glen Powell as Jesse Brown and Tom Hudner, a pair of U.S. Navy pilots who risked their lives during the Korean War and became some of the Navy's most celebrated wingmen. Dillard directs the deeply personal feature from a script written by Jake Crane and Jonathan Stewart, based on the book by Adam Makos.

WHEN: Thursday, August 25, 2022

Bronze Carpet: 7:00pm

Screening: 8:00pm

WHERE: Landmark Midtown Art Cinema

Midtown Promenade Center, 931 Monroe Dr. NE, Atlanta, GA 30308

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About the BronzeLens Film Festival

Founded in 2009, The BronzeLens Film Festival of Atlanta, Georgia is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing national and worldwide attention to Atlanta as a center for film and film production for people of color. Its mission is twofold: to promote Atlanta as the new film Mecca for people of color, and to showcase films and provide networking opportunities that will develop the next generation of filmmakers. Since its inception, the BronzeLens Film Festival has evolved as one of the most comprehensive film festivals for filmmakers of color in the United States.

About DEVOTION

Devotion, an aerial war epic based on the bestselling book of the same name, tells the harrowing true story of two elite US Navy fighter pilots during the Korean War. Their heroic sacrifices would ultimately make them the Navy's most celebrated wingmen.

About JD Dillard

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Dillard made his directorial debut with SLEIGHT, starring Jacob Latimore, Seychelle Gabriel, Sasheer Zamata and Storm Reid. The film, which he co-wrote, was shot on a micro-budget and went on to spark a bidding war after its rapturous debut at Sundance in 2016. In 2019, Dillard made his return to Sundance with his sophomore feature SWEETHEART, a Blumhouse thriller which he directed and co-wrote, featuring Kiersey Clemons in the leading role.

On the television front, Dillard has sold multiple pilots and has directed numerous episodes for acclaimed series such as THE OUTSIDER for HBO, UTOPIA for Amazon, and THE TWILIGHT ZONE for CBS All Access. He currently resides in Los Angeles.

Visit www.bronzelens.com for more information regarding the BronzeLens Film Festival and registration information.

Media Access/Interviews

We will do our best to honor requests. For more information regarding BronzeLens go to the [BronzeLens Film Festival in Atlanta, Georgia](#). Approved media will have access to interview areas, and Bronze Carpet arrivals, for which press has **RSVP'd** in advance and received confirmation.

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