



The 17th Marrakech International Film Festival
will take place from November 30 to December 8, 2018.

JAMES GRAY

President of the Jury

"The Marrakech Film Festival is truly a very special place where the language of cinema unites people from all over the map. It's a tremendous honor to be named President of the Jury and to be returning to this great festival for a third time." - **James Gray**



JAMES GRAY made his directorial debut in 1994 at the age of 25 with **LITTLE ODESSA**, a widely acclaimed film which received the Silver Lion at the Venice Film Festival. That same year, he received nominations from the Independent Spirit Awards for Best First Feature and Best First Screenplay. His past films also include **THE YARDS**, **WE OWN THE NIGHT**, **TWO LOVERS** and **THE IMMIGRANT**, all of which premiered In Competition at the Cannes Film Festival. Gray's film **THE LOST CITY OF Z** had its world premiere as the closing night selection of the 2016 New York Film Festival and was released in theaters by Amazon Studios in April 2017. His latest film, **AD ASTRA**, which he also co-wrote, stars Brad Pitt and is set to be released in theaters in early 2019. Born in New York City, Gray grew up in Queens and attended the University of Southern California School of Cinema-Television.

FILMOGRAPHY

AD ASTRA (2019) with Brad Pitt, Tommy Lee Jones, Ruth Negga and Donald Sutherland.

THE LOST CITY OF Z (2017) with Charlie Hunnam, Sienna Miller and Robert Pattinson.

THE IMMIGRANT (2013) with Marion Cotillard, Joaquin Phoenix and Jeremy Renner.

TWO LOVERS (2008) with Joaquin Phoenix, Gwyneth Paltrow and Isabella Rossellini.

WE OWN THE NIGHT (2007) with Joaquin Phoenix, Mark Wahlberg, Robert Duvall and Eva Mendes.

THE YARDS (2000) with Mark Wahlberg, Joaquin Phoenix, Charlize Theron, James Caan, Faye Dunaway and Ellen Burstyn.

LITTLE ODESSA (1994) with Tim Roth, Edward Furlong and Vanessa Redgrave.

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