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Miami Film Festival announces 2017 lineup

Richard Gere, Rashida Jones among those scheduled to attend

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MIAMI - Richard Gere will open the 34th edition of Miami Dade College's Miami Film Festival in March.

The 67-year-old actor is scheduled to attend the opening-night screening of his new film, "Norman: The Moderate Rise and Tragic Fall of a New York Fixer."

Gere's appearance headlines the 10-day festival, which will run from March 3-12. Jaie Laplante, executive director of the Miami Film Festival, announced the lineup Thursday morning.

The acclaimed festival will screen 131 feature narrative, feature documentary and short films from 40 countries, including 22 world and international premieres.

Among the notable world premieres is "A Change of Heart," filmed in Miami and starring Gloria Estefan, Aimee Teegarden, Virginia Madsen, Jim Belushi and William Levy. The film is co-produced by Estefan's husband, Emilio Estefan.

Miami-born actor Blake Jenner stars in the world premiere of "Billy Boy," which he also wrote.

Actress and singer Rashida Jones will also attend the festival for a screening and discussion of the "Woman on Top" episode of the new Netflix series, "Hot Girls Wanted: Turned On." Jones directed the episode and serves as an executive producer on the series.

The festival will close with the international premiere of "For Your Own Good" from Spain.

Tickets for the opening-night and closing-night events are now on sale. Tickets to all remaining films will go on sale to members of the Miami Film Society beginning Feb. 3 and to the general public beginning Feb. 10.

For more information about specific dates, times and theaters, visit [MiamiFilmFestival.com](http://miamifilmfestival.com) [<http://miamifilmfestival.com/tickets-2017/>].