



**The 20th edition of the Marrakech International Film Festival
takes place from November 24th to December 2nd 2023**

**JESSICA CHASTAIN, JURY PRESIDENT FOR THE 20TH EDITION
OF THE MARRAKECH INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL**



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**Rabat - October 9th 2023. Academy Award winner Jessica Chastain will
preside over the jury of the 20th edition of the Marrakech International
Film Festival, taking place from November 24th to December 2nd 2023.**

**The jury will award the Étoile d'Or to one of the fourteen films by first- or
second-time directors in the festival's international competition, which is
dedicated to the discovery of filmmakers from around the world.**

"I am honoured to serve as the jury president for the esteemed Marrakech International Film Festival, marking its 20th edition this year, and am excited to return to the Festival having last attended in 2011. Being entrusted with this role is a privilege and I look forward to celebrating incredible global talent within the world of cinema", said Jessica Chastain.

Over the course of the last decade, Jessica Chastain has established herself as one of Hollywood's greatest performers, with a string of starring roles for renowned directors including Terrence Malick, Kathryn Bigelow, Christopher Nolan, and Ridley Scott. She has won several awards for her remarkable interpretations of a multitude of characters in front of the camera, as well as for the exemplary quality of the projects she has taken on in the role of producer.

In 2022, Chastain was named Best Actress at the 94th Academy Awards for her portrayal of the inimitable Tammy Faye in *The Eyes of Tammy Faye* (2021).

In 2016, Chastain founded Freckle Films, a New York-based production company for film and television projects. In addition to *The 355*, *The Eyes of Tammy Faye* and *George & Tammy*, Freckle Films is currently developing the series adaptation of two novels, *His and Hers* by Alice Feeney and *The School for Good Mothers* by Jessamine Chan.

Michel Franco's *Memory*, produced by Freckle Films and starring Chastain and Peter Sarsgaard, will be released shortly.

In her recent return to Broadway after more than a decade, Chastain shone in the revival of Henrik Ibsen's classic *A Doll's House*, which earned her a Tony Award nomination for Best Actress in a Leading Role in a Play, and for which she won the Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Performance in a Leading Role in a Play.

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