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# Film @ The Wallis in Partnership with Film Independent Presents a Live Read of Jennifer's Body Directed by Karyn Kusama, the Cult Classic Film's Original Auteur

Tuesday, April 11, 2023, 7:30 pm in The Wallis' Bram Goldsmith Theater

(Beverly Hills, CA, March 17, 2023) — Film @ The Wallis in association with Film Independent presents an evening of demonic delights and sour candy camp with a live read of *Jennifer's Body*, a cult classic, directed by the film's original auteur, Karyn Kusama, on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, 7:30 pm., in The Wallis' Bram Goldsmith Theater. The reading features a reinterpretation of the bloody, teenage romp and its high school hormones with performances by iconic Hollywood actors. Since its release in 2009, *Jennifer's Body* has become canon in the film traditions of teen horror comedy and feminist satire.

The film's aptly named Needy is a textbook, sweet, nerdy dork, who just so happens to be friends with the hottest girl in school, Jennifer. When Jennifer plays her usual tricks on the lead singer of an emo rock band, she gets more than she bargained for, and Needy seems to be the only one noticing Jennifer's different. Evil has come to the nowhere town of Devil's Kettle, and the theme of the prom this year is possession.

Tickets, \$35 (\$25 for Wallis subscribers and Film Independent Members), are on sale now with a limit of two tickets per order. All ticket sales are final, no refunds or exchanges. The Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts is located at 9390 N. Santa Monica Blvd, Beverly Hills. To purchase tickets and for more information, please call 310-746-4000 or visit TheWallis.org/JB.

The health and safety of patrons, staff, and artists inside and outside the venue are a top priority for The Wallis. Masks are optional, and proof of full COVID vaccination is no longer required; however, guests are welcome to wear masks in our spaces.

The Wallis' health and safety protocols are also subject to change at the venue's sole discretion or in accordance with LA County and City of Beverly Hills regulations. Current Health & Safety Protocols and updates may also be accessed at TheWallis.org/Safety. Policies are subject to change.

#### **About Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts:**

Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts is a dynamic cultural hub and community resource where local, national and international artists share their artistry with ever-expanding audiences. The campus, located in the heart of Beverly Hills, CA, is committed to robust and distinctive presentations and education programs curated with both creativity and social impact in mind. Distinguished by its eclectic programming that mirrors the diverse landscape of Los Angeles and its location in the entertainment capital of the world, The Wallis has produced and presented more than 350 theater, dance, music, film, cabaret, conversation, and family entertainment programs since its doors opened in October 2013. Hailed as "au courant" (LaLa Magazine), The Wallis was lauded by Culture Vulture, which proclaims, "If you love expecting the unexpected in the performing arts, you have to love The Wallis." Its programming has been nominated for 79 Ovation Awards and nine L.A. Drama Critic's Circle Awards. The campus itself, a breathtaking 70,000square-foot facility, celebrating the classic and the modern, has garnered six architectural awards. Designed by acclaimed architect Zoltan E. Pali (SPF:architects), the restored building features the original 1933 Beverly Hills Post Office (on the National Register of Historic Places), which serves as the theater's dramatic yet welcoming lobby, and includes the contemporary 500-seat, state-of-the-art Bram Goldsmith Theater; the 150-seat Lovelace Studio Theater; an inviting open-air plaza for family, community and other performances; and GRoW @ The Wallis: A Space for Arts Education, where learning opportunities for all ages and backgrounds abound. Together, these elements embrace the city's history and its future, creating a performing arts destination for L.A.-area visitors and residents alike. Michael Nemeroff is Chairman of The Wallis' Board of Directors.

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#### **About Film Independent:**

For over 38 years, Film Independent has helped filmmakers get their projects made and seen. The nonprofit's mission is to champion creative independence in visual storytelling and support a community of artists who embody diversity, innovation and uniqueness of vision. In addition to producing the Film Independent Spirit Awards, the organization supports creative professionals with Artist Development programs, grants and labs, and signature mentorship program Project Involve fosters the careers of talented filmmakers from underrepresented communities. Weekly Education events and workshops equip filmmakers of all ages and experience levels with tools and resources. International programs include Global Media Makers, a cultural exchange program that provides career-building opportunities for international film professionals. Film Independent Presents is a year-round program offering screenings, conversations and other unique cinematic experiences to Members in Los Angeles and beyond. While working to make the entertainment industry more inclusive, Film Independent provides access to a network of like-minded artists. Film lovers, industry professionals and anyone passionate about visual storytelling can become a Member at filmindependent.org and connect with @FilmIndependent across social platforms.

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### **EDITORS PLEASE NOTE:**

# WHAT:

Cinema @ The Wallis in Association with Film Independent Presents

A Live Read of Jennifer's Body

Directed by Karyn Kusama, the film's original auteur

# WHEN:

Tuesday, April 11, 2023, 7:30 pm

# WHERE:

Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts Bram Goldsmith Theater 9390 N. Santa Monica Boulevard Beverly Hills, CA 90210

# **RUN TIME:**

Approximately 2 hours with no intermission.

# **TICKET PRICES AND INFORMATION:**

Tickets, \$35 (\$25 per ticket for Wallis subscribers and Film Independent Members) Limit two tickets per order.

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TheWallis.org/JB 310-746-4000 (Monday – Friday, 10 am to 6 pm)

# **PLEASE NOTE:**

Due to current health and safety variables, the engagement or select performances are subject to change, postponement or cancellation.

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