

The Museum of Modern Art

THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART'S 12TH ANNUAL FILM BENEFIT PRESENTED BY CHANEL TO HONOR LAURA DERN ON NOVEMBER 12

New York, September 24, 2019—The Museum of Modern Art's 2019 Film Benefit, presented by CHANEL, will honor Academy Award–nominated actress Laura Dern on November 12. Dern was nominated for the Best Actress Academy Award in 1992 for *Rambling Rose* (1991) and for the Best Supporting Actress Academy Award in 2015 for *Wild* (2014). The Film Benefit will be highlighted by a gala dinner and a tribute in the Debra and Leon Black Family Film Center recognizing Dern's acclaimed work.

"*Courageous* is the first word that comes to mind when I think of Laura Dern. Not in the somewhat clichéd way it is often used to describe actors' role-choices, but in the fact that she has made me a more courageous viewer," said Rajendra Roy, The Celeste Bartos Chief Curator of Film at MoMA. "Her disarming ability to shake us loose from false conventional moorings and thrust us into moments of profound truth has made her an essential artist in cinema for the past thirty-five years (she started young!). She is the ideal honoree as we inaugurate a new, more open chapter in MoMA's history."

MoMA's vast film collection includes five of Dern's films, including *Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore* (1975), *Wild at Heart* (1990), *A Perfect World* (1993), *Citizen Ruth* (1996), and *99 Homes* (2014).

Originally founded in 1935 as the Film Library, the film collection is recognized as the strongest in the US, with more than 30,000 international films from all periods and genres. The Film Benefit enables the continued maintenance and growth of this important collection, as well as an ambitious schedule of film series, premieres, festivals, retrospectives, and much more.

Previous Film Benefit honorees include Martin Scorsese, Julianne Moore, Tom Hanks, Cate Blanchett, Alfonso Cuarón, Tilda Swinton, Quentin Tarantino, Pedro Almodóvar, Kathryn Bigelow, Tim Burton, and Baz Luhrmann.

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