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26th GIFF: Woodkid, winner of the Film & Beyond Award

Yoann Lemoine, aka Woodkid, will be the guest of honor at the 26th Geneva International Film Festival (GIFF). On November 12, he will take the stage of the Arditi Foundation Auditorium to receive the Film & Beyond award and then on the same evening he will be meeting and greeting the audience. To close the event, GIFF will give the artist carte blanche to screen a surprise film.

Woodkid is one of the great revelations of the decade. A brilliant, delicate musician whose debut album *The Golden Age* has sold millions of copies worldwide. He is also a visionary music video director, who has already been called upon by Lana Del Rey, Drake, Rihanna and Katy Perry. On November 12 this year, the public will have the opportunity to spend a whole evening in his company.

This special evening, during which the GIFF will celebrate the transdisciplinary career of this protean artist, will start with the presentation of the Film & Beyond award by the GIFF in collaboration with O.ZBINDEN. Since 2014, this award is the crowning glory of the work of personalities active in the audiovisual industry and exploring various formats and artistic disciplines. A conversation will follow, in which he will discuss his career choices, his training as an illustrator and graphic designer, his love of cinema and the way in which the image infuses his music.

Finally, GIFF has asked Woodkid to choose a film that is particularly dear to him, which will be screened in the second part of this special evening. The title of this surprise work will be unveiled on October 15, during the Festival's press conference.

By inviting Woodkid, an all-round and multi-faceted artist, the Festival reasserts its core principle, i.e. putting the spotlight on the transversal nature of today's arts and audiences. An illustrator, animator and graphic designer, to whom we also owe the sketches used by Sofia Coppola for her film *Marie-Antoinette*, the Lyon native will return in 2020 with a powerful album *S16*, scheduled for release on October 16, 2020 – a new project which he describes as “a real questioning of the notion of collective and individual responsibility in a brutal world”.

Key dates and information:

- The 26th GIFF will take place on November 6-15, 2020
- Conversation with Woodkid and Award ceremony of the Film & Beyond Award on November 12 at 7 pm
- Screening of the carte blanche film on November 12 at 9.15 pm
- Early Bird pass holders can already book their place for the Conversation with Woodkid by sending an email to billetterie@giff.ch
- The Conversation and Award Ceremony as well as the Screening of the Carte Blanche are the subject of two separate tickets
- Visit giff.ch on October 15, 2020 to discover the whole program