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Emily Blunt Expected to Attend Closing Night of the 32nd Mill Valley Film Festival

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. (October 6, 2009) — The California Film Institute is proud to announce that critically acclaimed actress **Emily Blunt** is expected to attend the **32nd Mill Valley Film Festival (October 8–18, 2009)** in support of her **Closing Night** film *The Young Victoria*, sponsored by Pacific Gas & Electric Company, on **Sunday, October 18** at **5:15pm** at the Christopher B. Smith Rafael Film Center.

In *The Young Victoria*, directed by Jean-Marc Vallée (*C.R.A.Z.Y.*), Emily Blunt is radiant, vivacious and enchanting as the sheltered princess who ascended the British throne in 1837 at age 18. This captivating production traces the earliest years of Victoria's long reign: her struggle for autonomy from her mother, the Duchess of Kent (Miranda Richardson), as she takes the crown; hard knocks and political fallout from a checkered alliance with Prime Minister Lord Melbourne (Paul Bettany); and her gentle, cautious, finally fervent courtship with first cousin Prince Albert (Rupert Friend). Depicting a formidable yet vulnerable court in the midst of tumultuous social upheaval, *The Young Victoria* takes this legendary royal romance as its heart, tracing the evolution of two young people who would become the 19th century's ultimate power couple. Apparition releases the film theatrically on Friday, December 18.

Emily Blunt shot to international prominence with her lead role in the multi award-winning British movie, *My Summer of Love* (2004). Blunt started work on *The Devil Wears Prada* (David Frankel) in 2005 alongside an all-star cast, including Anne Hathaway, Meryl Streep and Stanley Tucci, and was nominated in the Best Supporting Actress category at the Golden Globes® and the BAFTAs for her role. She was also nominated for the Rising Star Award at the 2007 BAFTAs, nominated in the Breakthrough Female category at the 2006 Teen Choice Awards and was honored with the Breakthrough Award at the 2006 Young Hollywood Awards.

In 2006, Blunt starred in *Wind Chill*, produced by George Clooney and Steven Soderbergh; *The Great Buck Howard*, written and directed by Sean McGinly and co-starring Tom Hanks, John Malkovich and Colin Hanks; and *The Jane Austen Book Club*, in which she starred alongside Maria Bello, Frances McDormand, Kevin Zegers and Hugh Dancy as a secretive, unhappy teacher who yearns for more than life has given her. Blunt took on roles in *Dan in Real Life*, with Steve Carell, Juliette Binoche and Dane

Cook, Mike Nichols' *Charlie Wilson's War* with Tom Hanks, Julia Roberts and Philip Seymour Hoffman and the 2008 Sundance Film festival hit *Sunshine Cleaning* (Christine Jeffs) with Amy Adams and Alan Arkin.

Emily Blunt will soon be seen in Universal Pictures' *The Wolfman*, alongside Anthony Hopkins and Benicio del Toro, in November 2009 and in the British black comedy *Wild Target*, co-starring Bill Nighy, Rupert Grint, Martin Freeman and Rupert Everett. Blunt recently completed work on the forthcoming adaptation of Gulliver's Travels, co-starring Jack Black and Jason Segel, as well as the political thriller, *Adjustment Bureau* where she plays the female lead opposite Matt Damon.

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32nd Mill Valley Film Festival

Presented by the California Film Institute, the 32nd Mill Valley Film Festival runs October 8–18, 2009 at the CinéArts@Sequoia (25 Throckmorton Avenue, Mill Valley), Christopher B. Smith Rafael Film Center (1118 Fourth Street, San Rafael) and other venues throughout the Bay Area. Tickets are \$12.50 (CFI Members, \$10) unless otherwise noted and are available for purchase on September 20–23 for CFI members only, and beginning on September 24 for the general public. Regular tickets may be purchased online at mvff.com. For additional information, please visit mvff.com or call 877.874.MVFF.

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