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**Yerba Buena Center for the Arts Announces:  
December 2017 Film Programs**

**Features include: British Arrows Awards 2017 (Dec 3-17) and Remembering  
Jonathan Demme (Dec 14-17)**



*Image: British Arrows Awards*

**SAN FRANCISCO – (October 19, 2017) Yerba Buena Center for the Arts (YBCA) presents  
British Arrows Awards 2017 (Dec 3-17) and Remembering Jonathan Demme (Dec 14-17).**

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*Image: We're the Superhumans- British Arrows Awards 2017*

### **British Arrows Awards 2017**

**Sunday, December 3, 2017 2pm-4pm**

**Sunday, December 10, 2017 2pm-4pm**

**Sunday, December 17, 2017 2pm-4pm**

[Tickets](#)

From high-tech extravaganzas to wacky British comedy, the *British Arrows Awards* showcase the most innovative and daring type of filmmaking – commercials! With only moments to captivate its audience, these UK commercials include outstanding performances by children, animals, and A-list celebrities alike. New this year - a selection of winners from the "craft" category, celebrating outstanding technical achievements. (2017, 75 min, digital)

### **Remembering Jonathan Demme**

**Thursday, December 14, 7:30-10pm**

**Sunday, December 17, 4-6pm**

We end 2017 with a fond remembrance of filmmaker Jonathan Demme through two of his works, *Philadelphia* and *Storefront Hitchcock*. Demme, who passed away in April, began his career, like many of his contemporaries, under the guidance of legendary low-budget producer Roger Corman before becoming one of Hollywood's greatest humanists. The trademarks of Demme's style - including his generous engagement with the humanity of his characters, extensive use of penetrating close-ups, and an innate understanding of music's cinematic qualities - are all captured in this short but powerful series.



## **Philadelphia**

Thursday, December 14, 7:30pm

[Tickets](#)

*Philadelphia* is the first movie to address the AIDS epidemic and institutional homophobia for a mainstream audience. Tom Hanks took the Best Actor Oscar for his performance as Andrew Beckett, a lawyer who sues when his employers dismiss him after he's diagnosed with AIDS; Denzel Washington is equally strong as the sole attorney willing to represent Beckett. They lead an incredible cast that includes Antonio Banderas, Jason Robards, Mary Steenburgen, Anna Deavere Smith, and Joanne Woodward. (1993, 126 min, 35mm)



### **Storefront Hitchcock**

Sunday, December 17, 4pm

[Tickets](#)

Jonathan Demme's rarely-screened opus captures singer-songwriter Robyn Hitchcock in an intimate and engaging performance in a derelict New York shopfront. Hitchcock's dark, off-kilter wit is very much in evidence, and the songs are boosted by Demme's minimal but breathtaking cinematic flourishes. A must-see for Hitchcock fans; if you're not one, Demme's upbeat and endlessly charming film will make you one. Happy Holidays. (1998, 77 minutes, 35mm)

### **About Yerba Buena Center for the Arts**

Yerba Buena Center for the Arts (YBCA) is one of the nation's most innovative contemporary arts centers. Founded in 1993, YBCA's mission is to generate culture that moves people. Through powerful art experiences, thoughtful and provocative content, and deep opportunities for participation, YBCA is committed to creating an inclusive culture that awakens personal and societal transformation. YBCA presents a wide variety of programming year-round, including performing arts, visual arts, film/video, and civic engagement. For tickets and information, call 415.978.ARTS (2787). For more information, visit [ybca.org](http://ybca.org).

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