



# Julie Taymor's 'Tempest' to close Venice fest

**Film scheduled to screen Sept. 11 after awards ceremony**

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ROME -- Julie Taymor's version of William Shakespeare's "The Tempest" will be the closing film at the Venice Film Festival, screening on Sept. 11, after the main awards ceremony.

Among Taymor's changes to the nearly 400-year-old classic is changing the sorcerer Prospero into Prospera, a sorceress played by Oscar winner Helen Mirren.

The film's Oscar connections run deep: In addition to Mirren, the score for the film is from Oscar-winner Elliot Goldenthal, a long-time Taymor collaborator, and the costumes were designed by three-time Oscar honoree Sandy Powell. Oscar winner Francoise Bonnot edited the film.

The festival also announced the makeup of its main competition jury, which will include Mexican writer Guillermo Arriaga; Lithuanian actress Ingeborga Dapkunaite; Arnaud Desplechin, the French director and screenwriter; American composer and musician Danny Elfman; Luca Guadagnino, the Italian director and screenwriter; and Oscar-winning director Gabriele Salvatores. As announced previously, American director and actor Quentin Tarantino will chair the jury.

The 67th edition of the Venice Film Festival will run Sept. 1-11.