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- *Australia, 'Tanna,' Bentley Dean, Martin Butler, directors;
- * Canada, 'It's Only the End of the World,' Xavier Dolan, director;
- * Denmark, 'Land of Mine,' Martin Zandvliet, director;
- * Germany, 'Toni Erdmann,' Maren Ade, director;
- * Iran, 'The Salesman,' Asghar Farhadi, director;
- * Norway, 'The King's Choice,' Erik Poppe, director;
- * Russia, 'Paradise,' Andrei Konchalovsky, director;
- * Sweden, 'A Man Called Ove,' Hannes Holm, director;
- * Switzerland, 'My Life as a Zucchini,' Claude Barras, director.

Foreign Language Film nominations for 2016 are determined in two phases.

The Phase I committee, consisting of several hundred Los Angeles-based Academy members, screened the original submissions in the category between mid-October and December 12. The group's top six choices, augmented by three additional selections voted by the Academy's Foreign Language Film Award Executive Committee, constitute the shortlist.

The shortlist will be winnowed down to the category's five nominees by specially invited committees in New York, Los Angeles and London. They will spend Friday, January 13, through Sunday, January 15, viewing three films each day and then casting their ballots. The competitive Foreign Language Film category was introduced in 1956 for the 29th Academy Awards. In celebration of its 60th anniversary, the Academy has created a complete playlist of acceptance speeches and a poster gallery of all the Foreign Language Film Oscar winners.

Nominations for the 89th Oscars will be announced on Tuesday, January 24, 2017.

The 89th Oscars will be held on Sunday, February 26, 2017, at the Dolby Theatre at Hollywood & Highland Center in Hollywood, and will be televised live on the ABC Television Network at 7 p.m. ET/4 p.m. PT. The Oscars also will be televised live in more than 225 countries and territories worldwide.

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