



San Diego International Film Festival 2017 Fact Sheet

Dates: Oct 4-8, 2017

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Description: The San Diego International Film Festival (SDiFF) is the region's premier film event and one of the leading stops on the independent festival circuit. SDiFF offers a totally unique film experience; including world premieres, never before seen studio releases, the best in independent filmmaking and a full schedule of glamorous parties and intimate events with filmmakers.

Locations: San Diego, CA
Two festival villages: Downtown San Diego and La Jolla
Festival Headquarters: Pendry San Diego, 550 J Street, SD CA 92101
Screenings:
ArcLight La Jolla, UTC, 4425 La Jolla Village Dr, San Diego, CA 92122
Regal Cinema UA Horton Plaza, 475 Horton Plaza, San Diego, CA 92101
Special Events:
Pendry San Diego, The Balboa Theater, Horton Plaza Park

Passes & Ticket Sales:
sdfilmfest.com/passes

Film Schedule:
Each year the SDiFF receives film submissions from across the globe a total of 68 countries in 2017! The final selection represents the best films available from independent filmmakers and studios.
[2017 Film Schedule](#)

Festival Event Schedule:
Wed, Sept 20 - Festival Preview & Media Party - Pendry San Diego
Wed, Oct 4 – Opening Night Film & After Party - The Balboa Theater
Thurs, Oct 5 – VARIETY Night of the Stars Tribute - Pendry San Diego
Fri, Oct 6 – Party with a Purpose - Horton Plaza Park
Sat, Oct 7 – Filmmaker Awards Show and Party - Pendry San Diego
Sun, Oct 8 – Culinary Cinema - ArcLight Cinemas La Jolla

**2017 San Diego International Film Festival Award Honorees
To be announced August 2017**

Awards: Gregory Peck Award:
2017 Winner - Sir Patrick Stewart
previous winners: Annette Bening, Alan Arkin

Virtuoso Award:
2017 Winner - Heather Graham

Auteur Award:
2017 Winner - Kumail Nanjiani

Visionary Filmmaker Award:
2017 Winner - Taran Killam

Rising Star Award:
2017 Winner - Blake Jenner

Unique Film Tracks:

American Indian
Environmental
Equestrian - New for 2017!
Military
Social Impact

Special Screenings:

The One Screen Winners - Partner: The One Show - New for 2017!
48 Hour Film Fest Winners - Partner: 48 Hour Film Fest

Filmmakers: Attendees have the opportunity to meet and ask questions of filmmakers.

Panels:

Actors Panel
Branded Entertainment - New for 2017!
Industry Panel
Social Impact
Unstoppable Women - Women in Film Panel

About the San Diego International Film Festival (SDiFF):

The San Diego International Film Festival presented by the San Diego Film Foundation is the region's premier film event and one of the leading stops on the independent festival circuit. SDiFF offers a totally unique experience. Attendees can hear from first time and veteran filmmakers as they debut their latest work to command the attention of new audiences and industry luminaries. Watch major studio premieres on the road to the Hollywood awards season. SDiFF also has a robust calendar of unique events, special screenings and film tracks.

About The San Diego Film Foundation:

The San Diego Film Foundation is an educational 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that produces the Annual San Diego International Film Festival. Its mission is to support the art of independent filmmaking five ways:

- Produce the annual San Diego International Film Festival
- Develop stimulating film related events throughout the year
- Support and nurture student filmmaking programs in local schools
- Support the development of the local filmmaking industry
- Enhance the economic growth of San Diego

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