



**San Diego International Film Festival (Oct 10-14) Partners with Morgan Stanley
Shared Mission of Diversity and Social Justice
Sandra Richards Joins the Unstoppable Women Panel**

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San Diego, CA - The San Diego International Film Festival, produced by the San Diego Film Foundation each October, announces a partnership with Morgan Stanley for the 2018 Festival, October 10th - 14th. www.sdfilmfest.com

Tonya Mantooth, CEO and Artistic Director of the San Diego International Film Festival shared *"We are thrilled to have Morgan Stanley on board as a partner for the 2018 San Diego International Film Festival. Our missions are in perfect alignment with our focus on diversity and social justice within each of our industries. This alignment led to Morgan Stanley's very first partnership with a film festival - which is very exciting for us. Sandra Richards, Head of Global Sports and Entertainment & Segment Sales at Morgan Stanley will be joining us at the festival on our women's panel, lending a strong voice to that discussion."*

Sandra Richards, Head of Global Sports and Entertainment & Segment Sales at Morgan Stanley shared *"At Morgan Stanley, we look for opportunities to support organizations that are telling the sort of stories and focus on the issues that are important to us. Through their designated film tracks, the San Diego International Film Festival turns a spotlight on diversity, inclusion and social justice - and creates the kind of dialogue in our community that we love to see happening. I am looking forward to sitting in on the Unstoppable Women panel at the festival in October - and engaging with Festival patrons on these vital topics."*

About the San Diego International Film Festival:

The San Diego International Film Festival 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.

Join us Oct 10-14, 2018!

About the San Diego Film Foundation:

The San Diego Film Foundation is dedicated to creating empathy through the experience of film. We believe that film can be transformative and we are bound together through human connection. Our mission is to use the experience of film to explore issues of global impact, to create dialog, and ultimately to develop empathy and understanding in an increasingly diverse and complex world.:

A 501c.3. the San Diego Film Foundation brings the finest independent cinematic storytelling from around the world to San Diego each year. We present films that make a difference through a robust variety of events and programs *including:*

- The San Diego International Film Festival (Oct. 10-14, 2018)

- FOCUS on Impact Film Tour for highschool students (Spring 2018)
- FOCUS on Impact Artist Residencies for highschool students (Fall 2018)
- Film Insider Screenings (Feb-July, 2018)
- Industry Insider Series (Patrons Only)
- And The Award Goes To...Oscar Awards Viewing Party Annual Gala (March 2018)

Plus a variety of community and private events throughout the year
