



San Diego International Film Festival 2019 Fact Sheet

Dates: Oct 15-20, 2019

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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. In addition the San Diego International Film Festival presents thought provoking film tracks that inspire and engage audiences. Including: Environmental, Social Impact, Women in Film, American Indian, Military and Equestrian. Each year over 200+ filmmakers from around the world screen their films at the San Diego International Film Festival. Audiences have the unique opportunity to meet and ask questions of filmmakers after screenings and also at a variety of parties and events.

Locations: San Diego, CA
Two festival villages:
Downtown San Diego and ArcLight Cinemas, Westfield UTC

Passes & Ticket Sales:
<https://sdfilmfest.com/passes-and-tickets/>

Film Schedule: Each year the SDiFF receives film submissions from over 65+ countries. The final selection represents the best films available from independent filmmakers and studios. Film selections and schedule will be announced August 2019.

Key Events:
Thurs, Oct 3 Festival Preview & Media Party
Tues, Oct 15 Opening Night Film & After Party - The Balboa Theatre
TBD Night of the Stars Tribute
Sat, Oct 19 Filmmaker Awards Show and Party
Sun, Oct 20 Culinary Cinema - ArcLight Cinemas, Westfield UTC

San Diego International Film Festival Award Honorees to be announced August 2019

Gregory Peck Award:

Previous winners: Keith Carradine, Patrick Stewart, Annette Bening, Alan Arkin

Cinema Vanguard Award/Cinema Virtuoso:

Previous winners: Topher Grace, Heather Graham, Kate Beckinsale, Adrien Brody, Beau Bridges

Auteur Award:

Previous winners: Kumail Nanjiani, Judd Apatow, Alex Wolff

Humanitarian Award:

Previous winners: Zachary Levi, Geena Davis, Mariel Hemingway

Rising Star Award:

Previous winners: Blake Jenner, Jason Mitchell

Unique Film Tracks:

American Indian
Environmental
Equestrian
Military
Social Impact
Women in Film

Special Screenings:

TBD

Filmmakers:

200+ Filmmakers attend. Check schedule for details.

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

Panels:

Actors Panel
Industry Panel
Social Impact
Women in Film

About the San Diego International Film Festival:

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 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 (October 15-20, 2019)
- FOCUS on Impact Film Tour for high school students (Spring & Fall)
- Film Insider Screenings (Feb-July, 2019)
- Awards Viewing Party Annual Gala Fundraiser (February 24, 2019)

Plus a variety of community and private events throughout the year.

Leadership:

San Diego Film Foundation Board of Directors:

Vicky Carlson, Chairman, San Diego Film Foundation
Tonya Mantooh, Executive & Artistic Director - SDiFF
Kristian Forster, Board Member
Scott Mantz, Board Member, Co-Director of Programming
Mark McClure, Board Member
Cecilia Peck, Board Member

Co-Founders

Patti Judd, Judd Brand Media
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