



**SAN DIEGO
INTERNATIONAL
FILM FESTIVAL**

**2020 San Diego International Film Festival
October 15 – 18
Films | Drive-In Movies | Panels**

Fact Sheet

As of 28 August 2020

DESCRIPTION:

**THE RE-IMAGINED 2020 SAN DIEGO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
The Power of Perspective. Online and at the Drive-In Movies.**

The re-imagined and COVID appropriate **2020 San Diego International Film Festival** will take place October 15-18. As the region's premier film festival and one of the leading stops on the independent film circuit, film lovers will enjoy features, documentaries and shorts online in the **San Diego International Film Festival Virtual Village** and on the big screen at the **Festival Drive-In Movies at Westfield UTC**.

The Festival celebrates the power of film to create empathy via new perspectives that emerge from powerful and compelling storytelling. The line-up includes film premieres, the best in independent filmmaking, industry panels and live chats with filmmakers from around the world.

More info at SDFilmFest.com.

According to Tonya Mantooh, CEO/Artistic Director:

"The leadership of the San Diego International Film Festival has embraced the challenges to create a new footprint that will not only serve for this year's Festival but also expand our capabilities for the long term. This commitment to re-imagining the Festival is vitally important to fulfilling our mission of presenting films that create conversation in an increasingly complex and divided world".

Dates: Thursday, October 15 – Sunday, October 18

URL: sdfilmfest.com, #sdfilmfest

Passes & Tickets: sdfilmfest.com/passes-2020

Programming: Each year the San Diego International Film Festival receives submissions from over 3000 filmmakers from approximately 65 countries. Selected films for the 2020 Festival will be announced in early September.

Online: The San Diego International Film Festival Virtual Village
Enjoy 4 days of live streaming and on demand viewing for all of the Festival films plus industry panels and live chats with filmmakers from around the world. Your pass gives you access to the Festival Virtual Village's three theaters, event center and lounge.

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Drive-In Movies: Festival Drive-In Movies @ Westfield UTC

Drive-Ins are back big time! It's the preferred 2020 version of watching films on the big screen. Time for an outing or date night? Join us for 4 nights in September and 4 nights at the Festival.

Pre-Festival dates:
Friday & Saturday, September 18 & 19
Friday & Saturday, September 25 & 36

Festival dates:
Thursday – Sunday, October 15, 16, 17, 18

SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY/SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18/19 & 25/26

- **Pre-Festival SDIFF Drive-In Movies – September Series** – We're taking our new Drive-In Movies partnership out for a spin with 4 nights in September at Westfield UTC Parking Lot.

THURSDAY, OCT 1

- **Festival Preview Online Party** – Join CEO/Artistic Director Tonya Mantooh for a preview of the 2020 Festival including films, trailers and conversation.

THURSDAY, OCT 15

- **San Diego International Film Festival Virtual Village** – Live Streaming and On Demand Film Screenings, Panels, Interviews
- **Festival Drive-In Movies @ Westfield UTC** parking lot

FRIDAY, OCT 16

- **San Diego International Film Festival Virtual Village** – Live Streaming and On Demand Film Screenings, Panels, Interviews
- **Festival Drive-In Movies @ Westfield UTC** – parking lot

SATURDAY, OCT 17

- **San Diego International Film Festival Virtual Village** – Film Screenings, Panels, Interviews
- **Festival Drive-In Movies @ Westfield UTC** – parking lot

SUNDAY, OCT 18

- **San Diego International Film Festival Virtual Village** – Film Screenings, Panels, Interviews - 1pm – 10pm
- **Festival Drive-In Movies @ Westfield UTC** – parking lot

About SDIFF:

The San Diego International Film Festival has advocated that cinema is a catalyst for positive change because it provides perspectives that often touch our hearts leading us to help find solutions. The curated independent films presented by this Festival have covered topics such as homelessness, prejudice, pollution of the world's rivers, animal and environmental extinction, sustainability, sex-trafficking, military life, and so much more. The Festival also presents 'feel good' films that inspire and reinforce the best in all of us ... as well as fun films that simply provide a much-needed laugh.

About Westfield UTC:

Westfield UTC presents the ultimate shopping & leisure experience to one of the most elite trade areas in the country, including La Jolla, Del Mar, Rancho Santa Fe, Carmel Valley, and Solana Beach. With its close proximity to affluent residential neighborhoods, prestigious resorts, dense class-A office population, and UCSD, this venue offers an incomparable market for premier retailers and established & emerging restaurants.