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SANTA BARBARA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES 2022 PROGRAM

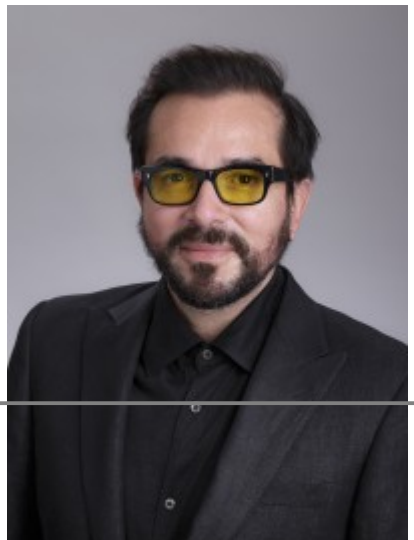
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37TH FESTIVAL OPENS WITH THE U.S. PREMIERE OF â??THE PHANTOM OF THE OPENâ?• AND CLOSES WITH â??DIONNE WARWICK: DONâ??T MAKE ME OVERâ?•

FESTIVAL TO PRESENT 95 U.S. PREMIERES AND 48 WORLD PREMIERES

Santa Barbara, CA. (Thursday, February 10, 2022) â??The Santa Barbara International Film Festival Â® (SBIFF), presented by UGG , announced today the highly anticipated lineup for the 37th edition, which will run March 2 to 12, 2022. The festival will feature 48 world premieres and 95 U.S. premieres from 54 countries, along with tributes featuring the yearâ??s top talent, panel discussions, and free community education and outreach programs.



SBIFFâ??s Executive
Director Roger Durling (Cr.
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SBIFFâ??s Executive Director Roger Durling stated this morning,

â??It brings us an unbridled joy to share our slate for this edition of SBIFF. After two years of incertitude, it feels good to know we can continue to count on film and the festival to give us a sense of comfort and continuity. Weâ??re extremely proud of the offerings at the 37th fest.â?•

OPENING NIGHT

SBIFF 2022 will start with the Opening Night Film, presented by UGG , on Wednesday, March 2 with the U.S. Premiere of THE PHANTOM OF THE OPEN, a heartwarming British comedy starring Oscar winners Sally Hawkins and Mark Rylance. The film is based on the true story of Maurice Fitcroft, who entered the 1976 British Open despite never having played a round of golf before.

CLOSING NIGHT

SBIFF 2022 will close on Saturday, March 12 with DIONNE WARWICK: DONâ??T MAKE ME OVER, with the iconic singer in attendance. The documentary follows Warwick as she smashed through cultural, racial, and gender barriers to become the soundtrack for generations and a voice fighting for humanitarian causes. Featuring interviews with Burt Bachrach, Gladys Knight, Gloria Estefan, Snoop Dogg, Bill Clinton, and many more.

THE TRIBUTES

SBIFF is an important showcase for Academy Award frontrunners, many of whom have arrived as nominees and gone on to win the Oscar. The 37th SBIFF proudly celebrates some of the yearâ??s finest work in film. All tributes will be in person at the historic Arlington Theatre as well as streamed live.

- Outstanding Directors of the Year Award sponsored by The Hollywood Reporter â?? Thursday, March 3, at 8:00 pm. Honorees to be announced. Moderated by Scott Feinberg.
- â?• American Riviera Award honoring Kristen Stewart â?? Friday, March 4 at 8:00 pm. Moderated by Anne Thompson.Â®

- â?• Virtuosos Award presented by UGG, honoring Caitriona Balfe (Belfast), Ariana DeBose (West Side Story), Jamie Dornan (Belfast), Alana Haim (Licorice Pizza), Emilia Jones (CODA), Troy Kotsur (CODA), Simon Rex (Red Rocket), and Saniyya Sidney (King Richard) â?? Saturday, March 5 at 8:00 pm, moderated by Dave Karger.
- â?• Variety Artisans Award sponsored by Variety â?? Monday, March 7 at 8:00 pm. Honorees to be announced. Moderated by Jazz Tangcay.
- â?• Montecito Award â?? Tuesday, March 8 at 8:00 pm. Honoree to be announced.
- â?• Outstanding Performers of the Year Award presented by Manitou Fund honoring Will Smith and Aunjanue Ellis â?? Sunday, March 6 at 8:00 pm. Moderated by Scott Feinberg.
- â?• Cinema Vanguard Award sponsored by Deadline honoring Benedict Cumberbatch - Wednesday, March 9 at 8:00 pm. Moderated by Pete Hammond.
- â?• Maltin Modern Master Award presented by Manitou Fund honoring Javier Bardem and Nicole Kidman â?? Thursday, March 10 at 8:00 pm. Moderated by Leonard Maltin.
- **THE PANELS**
  SBIFF has become renowned for creating smart, insightful panels that feature a whoâ??s who in the world of filmmaking, including many Oscar contenders. Returning will be our annual Producers Panel, Writers Panel, and Womenâ??s Panel. All Panels will be in person at the historic Arlington Theatre as well as streamed live. Panelists to be announced. Writers Panel â?? Saturday, March 5 at 11:00 am â?? Moderated by Anne Thompson Producers Panel â?? Saturday, March 5 at 2:00 pm â?? Moderated by Glenn Whipp Womenâ??s Panel â?? Sunday, March 12 at 11:00 am â?? Moderated by Madelyn Hammond.

SPECIAL SCREENINGS AND Q&Aâ??s

- â?• THE POWER OF THE DOG followed by a Q&A with Jane Campion â?? Thursday, March 3 at 2:00 pm â?? FREE admission
- â?• 10th Anniversary screening of SILVER LININGS PLAYBOOK followed by a Q&A with DAVID O. RUSSELL â?? Date and Time to be announced â?? FREE ADMISSION
- â?• More to be announced
  GREG NAVA RETROSPECTIVE
- Also, slated are Greg Navaâ??s seminal immigration saga, EL NORTE, and SELENA, the riveting biopic about the famous Tejano music legend who met a tragic end at only 23, starring Jennifer Lopez and Edward James Olmos. Olmos will be in attendance at the screening.

SELENA â?? Tuesday, March 8 at 2:00 pm â?? FREE admission

EL NORTE â?? Wednesday, March 9 at 2:00 pm â?? FREE admission

Nava will be present for a Q&A following each of the screenings. Edward James Olmos will also be joining the SELENA Q&A.

Free Screenings made possible with support from John C. Mithun Foundation.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, FREE PROGRAMS, AND OTHER MENTIONS

SBIFF Poster Designed by Acclaimed Artist Hank Pitcher



The 2022 SBIFF poster was painted by acclaimed artist and Santa Barbara resident Hank Pitcher. He remarked, â??Standing on a beach, looking out to sea, or sitting in a theater looking at the screen, we project our hopes and dreams out onto those vast surfaces. It is like waiting in line to buy a ticket, then walking through the lobby into the auditorium to find a seat, or going to the shore and walking down to stand by the water. Both are about desire and discovery. I love big old movie theaters like the Riviera and the Arlington and the Granada. I have long thought of my painting as a way to stop the film at my favorite part and walk up on the stage and into the scene to look around.â?•

Mikeâ??s Field Trip to the Movies â?? Named for renowned nature cinematographer Mike deGruy, Mikeâ??s Field Trip to the Movies uses filmmaking to nurture creative, confident, and culturally aware thinkers. This yearâ??s MFT Program will be offered to 2,000 4thâ??6th-grade students from Title I (low-income) schools throughout Santa Barbara County. This yearâ??s program will feature critically acclaimed films and live Q&As with their directors, recorded discussions with the filmmakers and artisans from this yearâ??s top animated films, along film education study guides. Sponsored by Montecito Bank & Trust, Patagonia, Union Bank, Bentson Foundation, and Volentine Family

Foundation.

Film Studies Program â?? The Film Studies Program will invite 30 undergraduate film students from across the country to the Film Festival where theyâ??ll take part in a packed curriculum that turns the festival into an interactive classroom. Participants receive priority access to the films, panels, filmmaker seminars, tributes, as well as intimate Q&As with filmmakers, talent, and other professionals. Sponsored by Lynda Weinman and Bruce Heavin.

10â??10â??10 Student Screenwriting and Filmmaking Mentorship and Competition â?? The 10-10-10 Program is made up of 20 area high school and college screenwriters and filmmakers. This yearâ??s program includes virtual workshops, individual mentorship, and access to casting, visual effects, producing, and sound mentors. The student screenwriters and directors are paired together and guided through the process of making a film from script to screen. Other program highlights include pitching sessions, table reads, guest speaker Q&As and film talks. Sponsored by Kaleidoscope Productions.

Free Filmmaker Seminars â?? SBIFF will again present educational seminars with filmmakers premiering at this yearâ??s festival. These seminars will be FREE to the public and will take place on each weekday during the Festival at Casa de la Guerra in downtown Santa Barbara just off the State Street Promenade.

The ADL Stand Up Award sponsored by ADL Santa Barbara/Tri-Counties â?? This award will be presented to a dramatic film in the festival that represents an important message consistent with ADLâ??s efforts â??to secure justice and fair treatment for all.â?• The winner will be announced during the Festival.

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