



19th Annual Ojai Film Festival Opens

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[The 19th Annual Ojai Film Festival \(OFF\)](#) is up and running. Last night at the enchanting Libbey Bowl in downtown Ojai, a free Community screening of Mel Brooks' raucous and rollicking *Young Frankenstein* was the Opening Night Film. OFF President Jonathan Lambert jump started the evening with Opening Night remarks including a plug for *Loving Vincent* and OFF's new environmentally-oriented films, "Focus Earth."



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Without further adieu Lambert brought forth the evening's special guest, Hank Wynands. Wynands built the sets for *Young Frankenstein* and worked on several other of Mel Brooks' films. Wynands shared some colorful inside jokes on the day-to-day operations on a Brooks film set and the impact budgeting has on a production.



Special Opening Night guest, Hank Wynands shares his experience on working with Mel Brooks on

Tomorrow is the first full day of OFF starting at 10:00 A.M. with the Student Filmmakers Program at the Ojai Art Center Theater. Stay tuned for more on this emerging film festival! Legendary Hollywood producer **Peter Guber, Chairman and CEO of Mandalay Entertainment Group**, told the audience at a recent Toronto International Film Festival that “Ojai is the next Telluride.”



Ojai Street entrance to Libbey Park in downtown Ojai, Calif., on November 1st, at the 19th Annual O



Welcome sign to the 19th Annual Film Festival on Ojai Street at Signal Street in downtown Ojai, California

See you at the movies!

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