

Catching Up With SBIFF Panels and Virtuosos

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OSCAR NOMINATED PRODUCERS AND WRITERS IN CONVERSATION AND CAITRIONA BALFE, ARIANA DEBOSE, CIARAN HINDS, ALANA HAIM, EMILIA JONES, TROY KOTSUR, SIMON REX AND SANIYYA SIDNEY RECEIVE VIRTUOSOS AWARD AT THE 37TH ANNUAL SANTA BARBARA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

TRIBUTES TO WILL SMITH, AUNJANUE ELLIS, PENELOPE CRUZ, BENEDICT CUMBERBATCH, JAVIER BARDEM AND NICOLE KIDMAN STILL TO COME THROUGHOUT THE 10-DAY FESTIVAL

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (March 5, 2022) â?? Day 4 of the 37th Annual Santa Barbara International Film Festival presented by UGG began with the Writers panel conversation on Saturday morning. Cinephiles gathered together for Oscar-nominated producers **Kenneth Branagh** (BELFAST), **SiÃ¢n Heder** (CODA), **Adam McKay** (DONâ??T LOOK UP), **Denis Villeneuve** (DUNE), **Zach Baylin** (KING RICHARD), **Maggie Gyllenhaal** (THE LOST DAUGHTER), **Jane Campion** (THE POWER OF THE DOG) and **Eskil Vogt** (THE WORST PERSON IN THE WORLD) in a conversation led by Los Angeles Times writer **Glenn Whipp.**



SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA â?? MARCH 05: (L-R) Becca Kovacik, J. Miles Dale, Kevin Messi

In the afternoon, the festival continued with the Producers panel conversation with **Laura Berwick** (BELFAST), **Patrick Wachsberger** (CODA), **Kevin Messick** (DONâ??T LOOK UP), **Teruhisa Yamamoto** (DRIVE MY CAR), **Mary Parent** (DUNE), **Tim White** (KING RICHARD), **Sara Murphy** (LICORICE PIZZA), **J. Miles Dale** (NIGHTMARE ALLEY), **Tanya Seghatchian** (THE POWER OF THE DOG) and **Rita Moreno** (WEST SIDE STORY). The conversation was led by Indiewire Editor-at-Large **Anne Thompson.**



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The evening concluded with the presentation of and interviews with the recipients of the Virtuosos Award, an honor created to recognize a select group of talent whose noteworthy performances in film have elevated them into the national cinematic dialogue. **Caitriona Balfe** (Belfast), **Ariana DeBose** (West Side Story), **Ciaran Hinds** (Belfast), **Alana Haim** (Licorice Pizza), **Emilia Jones** (CODA), **Troy Kotsur** (CODA), **Simon Rex** (Red Rocket), and **Saniyya Sidney** (King Richard) discussed their work with Turner Classic Movies host and IMDb special correspondent host Dave Karger, who joined the conversation for his 11th year.



[L-R: Emilia Jones, Alana Haim, Ariana DeBose, Caitriona Balfe, Saniyya Sidney]

Check out their conversations:

Upcoming live conversations and tributes will include presentations to Will Smith, Nicole Kidman, Javier Bardem, PenÃ©lope Cruz, Aunjanue Ellis, Benedict Cumberbatch, and Oscar-nominated animators. The 37th Santa Barbara International Film Festival, presented by UGGÂ®, will take place IN-PERSON through March 12, 2022. 200+ films, filmmaker Q&As, industry panels, and celebrity tributes, will be held throughout Santa Barbara, including at the historic Arlington Theatre. This yearâ??s lineup is available on SBIFFâ??s mobile app. For additional information or to buy passes, visit sbiff.org

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The Santa Barbara International Film Festival (SBIFF) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit arts and educational organization dedicated to discovering and showcasing the best in independent and international cinema. Over the past 36 years, SBIFF has become one of the leading film festivals in the United States â?? attracting 100,000+ attendees and offering 11 days of 200+ films, tributes and symposiums, fulfilling their mission to engage, enrich, and inspire the Santa Barbara community through film. In 2016, SBIFF entered a new era with the acquisition of the historic and beloved Riviera Theatre. After a capital campaign and renovation, the theatre is now SBIFFâ??s new state-of-the-art, year-round home, showing new international and independent films every day. In 2019, SBIFF opened its own Education Center in downtown Santa Barbara on State Street to serve as a home for its many educational programs and a place for creativity and learning.

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