



Opening Night at the 34th Annual Santa Barbara International Film Festival

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SBIFF Director Roger Durling on the red carpet at the Opening Night Film "Diving Deep: The Life And Times Of Mike deGruy" during 34th Santa Barbara International Film Festival at the historic Arlington Theatre, January 31, 2019 in Santa Barbara,



"Ordinary Gods" on the Opening Night Film "The Life And Times Of Mike deGruy" during 34th Santa Barbara International Film Festival at the historic

Arlington Theatre, January 31, 2019 in Santa Barbara, California. (Photo by Larry Chesler of HollywoodGlee)

"Moose" on the red carpet at the Opening Night Film "Diving Deep: The Life And Times Of Mike deGruy" during 34th Santa Barbara International Film Festival at the historic Arlington Theatre, January 31, 2019 in Santa Barbara, California.

(Photo by Larry Glee)



Jason Momoa of *Loopers* on the red carpet at



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(Photo by Larry Gleeson/HollywoodGlee)

deGruya during 34th Santa Barbara International Film Festival at the historic Arlington Theatre, January 31, 2019 in Santa Barbara, California. (Photo by Larry



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Brandon Alvis of *Cemetery* on the red carpet at the Opening Night Film *Diving Deep: The Life And*

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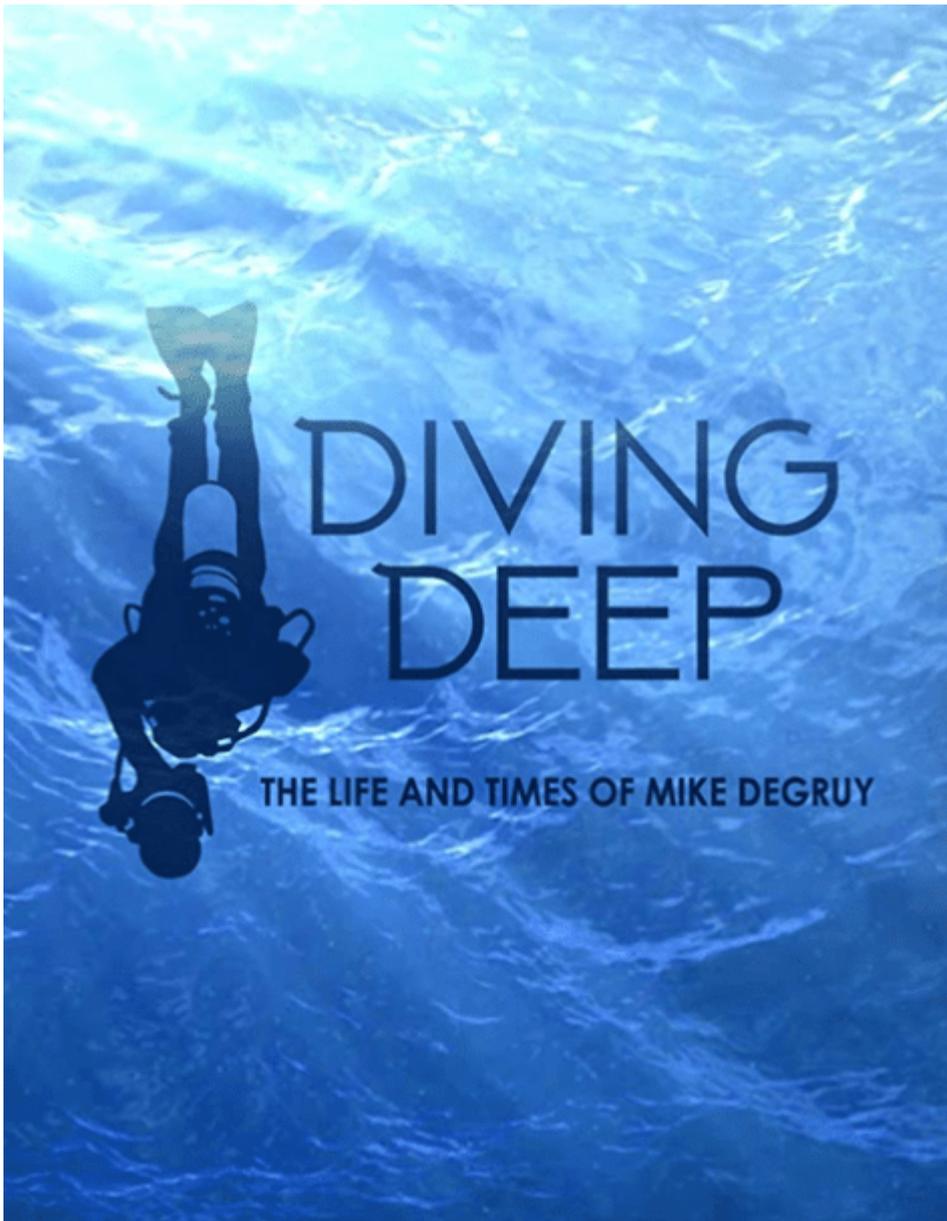
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The 34th Annual Santa Barbara International Film Festival officially opened with an enormously emotional celebration and screening for ***Diving Deep: The Life and Times of Mike deGruy***.

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Director and wife, **Mimi deGruy** introduced the screening alongside her below the line team and children, Max and Francis, who “teach her everyday” and let her tell and craft this story. Mimi deGruy also gave a nod to Roger Durling, Executive Director of SBIF, for continuing to lead the festival “with global outreach while keeping it to its roots.”

[*Diving Deep: The Life and Times of Mike deGruy*](#) is a feature film documentary about Mike deGruy, an irrepressible biologist turned award-winning filmmaker who swam, dived and filmed in oceans around the world and in the process became the first to film many rarely seen creatures in their own oceans. He was also a passionate advocate of the ocean’s creatures and became increasingly outspoken as an environmental activist. In 2012, deGruy died tragically in a helicopter crash in Australia while filming for director James Cameron. Told through the eyes of Mimi deGruy, his wife and filmmaking partner, *Diving Deep: The Life and Times of Mike deGruy* celebrates deGruy’s remarkable life, career and what he passionately believed: we are destroying the ocean before we even know what’s there.



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