



All Five Oscar-nominated Directors Honored at Santa Barbara Film Festival

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ALL FIVE OSCAR-NOMINATED DIRECTORS ARE HONORED WITH THE OUTSTANDING DIRECTORS OF THE YEAR AWARD AT THE 37TH ANNUAL SANTA BARBARA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (March 3, 2022) – Day 2 of the 37th Annual Santa Barbara International Film Festival presented by UGG featured a tribute to this year’s recipients of the Outstanding Directors of the Year Award, sponsored by The Hollywood Reporter. **Paul Thomas Anderson** (LICORICE PIZZA), **Kenneth Branagh** (BELFAST), **Jane Campion** (THE POWER OF THE DOG), **Ryusuke Hamaguchi** (DRIVE MY CAR), and **Steven Spielberg** (WEST SIDE STORY) received their awards during the live event and discussed their work with The Hollywood Reporter’s longtime awards columnist and host of its popular Awards Chatter podcast, as well as a professor at Chapman University’s Dodge College of Film and Media Arts, **Scott Feinberg**.



SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA – MARCH 03: (L-R) Scott Feinberg, Paul Thomas Anderson, and

The Outstanding Directors Award was created to recognize a select group of directors who have pushed the boundaries in their storytelling and created films that showcase the art of filmmaking at its best.

Steven Spielberg on why he selected *West Side Story* for his first musical to direct:

Kenneth Branagh on *Belfast* and an ending featuring himself:

Jane Campion on the progress being made by female filmmakers in the industry and what factors came to bear on making *The Power Of The Dog*:

Ryausuke Hamaguchi on the key to pacing *Drive My Car*, a three hour film, and keeping the audience engaged:

Paul Thomas Anderson on casting *Licorice Pizza*'s two lead actors without acting experience:

Upcoming live conversations and tributes will include presentations to Kristen Stewart, Will Smith, Nicole Kidman, Javier Bardem, Penélope Cruz, Aunjanue Ellis, Benedict Cumberbatch, Ciarán Hinds, Caitriona Balfe, Ariana DeBose, Alana Haim, Emilia Jones, Troy Kotsur, Simon Rex, Saniyya Sidney and Oscar-nominated producers, writers, and animators. The 37th Santa Barbara International Film Festival, presented by UGG®, 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 year's lineup is available on SBIFF's mobile app. For additional information or to buy passes, visit sbiff.org.



About the Santa Barbara International Film Festival

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 – 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 SBIFF'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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