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Santa Barbara International Film Festival announces this yearâ??s recipients of the Virtuosos Award!

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{November 19, 2024] SANTA BARBARA, CA â?? The Santa Barbara International Film Festival is delighted to announce this yearâ??s recipients of the Virtuosos Award, an honor created to recognize a select group of talent whose noteworthy performances in films this season has propelled them into the forefront of national cinematic conversation. **Kieran Culkin, Harris Dickinson, Karla SofÃa GascÃ³n, Selena Gomez, Ariana Grande, Clarence Maclin, Mikey Madison,** and **John Magaro** will discuss their work and receive their awards in person on **Sunday, February 9** during the 40th Santa Barbara International Film Festival. The evening will be moderated for the 15th year by Dave Karger, Turner Classic Movies host.



Dave Karger moderates Santa Barbara International Film Festivalâ??s Virtuosos Award, an honor cr

â??Itâ??s my 15th consecutive year hosting this event, and this yearâ??s lineup is as impressive as ever, ranging from megastars like Selena Gomez and Ariana Grande, to veteran actors like Kieran Culkin and John Magaro, to true breakouts like Clarence Maclin, Mikey Madison, Harris Dickinson, and Karla SofÃa GascÃ³n. I canâ??t wait to gather them all in front of the wonderful Santa Barbara audience,â?• remarked Dave Karger.



SANTA BARBARA, CA â?? FEBRUARY 05: Moderator Dave Karger, Sam Elliot, Steven Yeun, John in Santa Barbara, California. (Photo by Emma McIntyre/Getty Images for SBIFF)

The last four yearâ??s Virtuosos honorees were Lily Gladstone, Daâ??Vine Joy Randolph, Greta Lee, Charles Melton, America Ferrera, Andrew Scott, Austin Butler, Kerry Condon, Danielle Deadwyler, Nina Hoss, Stephanie Hsu, Jeremy Pope, Ke Huy Quan, Jeremy Strong, Caitriona Balfe, Ariana DeBose, Jamie Dornan, Alana Haim, CiarÃ¡n Hinds, Emilia Jones, Troy Kotsur, Simon Rex, Saniyya Sidney, Riz Ahmed, Maria Bakalova, Kingsley Ben-Adir, Andra Day, Sidney Flanigan, Vanessa Kirby, Tahar Rahim, and Zendaya.

The 40th Santa Barbara International Film Festival will take place LIVE February 4 â?? February 15, 2025. Official events including screenings, filmmaker Q&As, industry panels, and celebrity tributes, will be held at SBIFFâ??s Riviera Theatre and its new Film Center, plus the historic Arlington Theatre.. Passes for the 2025 Festival are on sale now at sbiff.org.

Last year, the festival had a program of 200+ films from over 48 countries with honorary awards feted on Robert Downey Jr., Bradley Cooper, Mark Ruffalo, Paul Giamatti, Jeffrey Wright, Martin Scorsese, Justine Triet, Billie Eilish, and Ludwig GÃ¶ransson.

A-list and industry guests will once again ascend to Santa Barbara, making it a must-stop location on the awards circuit, and delivering a record number of films with many World and U.S. premieres. The film lineup and schedule will be announced January 2025.

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 39 years, SBIFF has become one of the top 10 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.***

SBIFF continues its commitment to education and the community throughout many free educational programs and events. SBIFFâ??s programs support over 18,000 kids, students and families in our local community by introducing film as an art form to young children with programs like AppleBox and Mikeâ??s FieldTrip to the Movies; teaching film analysis to highschool and college students with programs like Rosebud and the Film Studies Program; and teaching the craft of screenwriting and filmmaking with Film Camp and 10-10-10 Mentorship programs. Most importantly SBIFFâ??s programs are always directed towards the under-represented and under-served communities within Santa Barbara County.

More recently, SBIFF secured a long-term lease for the iconic multi-plex at 916 State Street in the heart of downtown Santa Barbara. This landmark acquisition paves the way for the creation of a state-of-the-art Film Center â?? a vibrant, year-round destination that will serve as a central hub for cinema enthusiasts and the heart of SBIFFâ??s renowned Film Festival. Building on the success of the Riviera Theatre revitalization in 2016 and the opening of its own Education Center in 2019 in the downtown area, SBIFF continues to strengthen its commitment to the cultural fabric of Santa Barbara.

Stay tuned!



Patrica Chidlaw unveils her artwork for the Official 2023 Santa Barbara International Film Festival Po

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