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**The San Diego International Film Festival Announces
24th Annual Festival Footprint
October 15–19, 2025**

“Where culture, coast and cinema collide.”

New Partnerships

- **VARIETY** joins as Official Media Partner for the *Night of the Stars Tribute* and will present the **Gregory Peck Award of Excellence in Cinema**.
- Partnership with the **House of Pacific Relations (HPR) Houses of Hospitality** in Balboa Park, highlighting international film track and cultural perspectives.

New Venues

- **Opening Night Film & Party** → THE LOT, La Jolla
- **Party With a Purpose** → Belly Up Tavern, Solana Beach

Festival Highlights

The Festival brings together studio and indie premieres, features, documentaries, shorts, panels, and networking — plus signature events that sell out fast:

- **Opening Night Film & Party** → **Wed, Oct 15 @ THE LOT, La Jolla** – Start the festival in style with a red-carpet premiere and celebration.
- **Night of the Stars Tribute** → **Thu, Oct 16 @ The Conrad, La Jolla** – Celebrate Hollywood’s

brightest with an unforgettable tribute evening.

- **Party With a Purpose → Fri, Oct 17 @ Belly Up, Solana Beach** – Dance, mingle, and support a great cause all in one night.
 - **Studio Premieres & Indie Screenings → Oct 16–19 @ AMC UTC 14** – Catch the hottest new releases and indie gems on the big screen.
 - **Culinary Cinema → Sun, Oct 19 @ Capital One Café + AMC UTC Patio** – Indulge in foodie delights while enjoying films under the stars.
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Night of the Stars Tribute (Oct 16)

- **Gregory Peck Award** presented by VARIETY
 - Other honors include Cinema Vanguard Award & Rising Star Award
 - Past honorees: Annette Bening, Laurence Fishburne, Andy Garcia, Geena Davis, Patrick Stewart, Regina Hall, Judd Apatow, and more
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House of Pacific Relations (HPR) Houses of Hospitality Partnership

- HPR Houses of Hospitality in Balboa Park celebrate its **90th Anniversary** in 2025
 - Represents **35 cultures** through education, programs, and cultural events
 - Festival's **Foreign Film Track** aligns with HPR's mission of cultural exchange
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Passes & Tickets

- **VIP Pass** (\$575) → Includes ALL signature events, screenings, panels, Fest Lounge access
- **Fest Pass** → All screenings Thu–Sun (no signature events)
- **Weekend Pass** → Sat & Sun screenings only
- **10-Ticket Bundle** → \$175 (save \$25)
- **Single Tickets** → \$20 each (available Sept 5, space permitting)

Reserve signature events by **Sept 4** before they sell out.

Buy passes: sdfilmfest.com/buy-passes

By the Numbers

- Submissions: 3,200+ filmmakers from 85 countries annually

- Awards: Films premiered at the San Diego International Film Festival have earned **36 Oscars® & 167 nominations** in recent years
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From Festival CEO/Artistic Director, Tonya Mantooth

“Sharing stories is at the heart of everything we do at the Festival. Our partnership with the House of Pacific Relations connects us with San Diego’s cultural treasures, while our new collaboration with VARIETY elevates the *Night of the Stars Tribute* to a national stage. We can’t wait to share this year’s slate with the community in September.”

Save the Dates

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Film slate announcement: **Early September**
