



**MEDIA ALERT**

**STARS READY TO SHINE AT THE 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TEMECULA VALLEY INTERNATIONAL  
FILM & MUSIC FESTIVAL**

**OPENING NIGHT FEATURES RED CARPET ENTRANCES, MUSIC AND DANCE  
PERFORMANCES, LOCAL SENSATION XENIA OF NBC'S "THE VOICE"  
AND SCREENING OF QUIRKY COMEDY "LOSING CONTROL"**

**OVER 160 FILMS FROM ACROSS AMERICA AND AROUND THE GLOBE TO BE  
SCREENED DURING THE FIVE DAY EVENT**

**DOZENS OF EMERGING MUSICAL TALENTS FROM ALL GENRES  
SHOWCASED DURING MUSICFEST SEPT 16 & 17**

**FESTIVAL TO FEATURE MASTER CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & PANELS  
ON FILM AND MUSIC INDUSTRY RELATED TOPICS FROM SCREENWRITING,  
PRODUCING, DIRECTING, ACTING, SPECIAL EFFECTS  
AND DISTRIBUTION SEPT 17 & 18**

**BLACK TIE GALA TO HONOR DIRECTORS PETER BOGDANOVICH AND OREN PELI,  
ACTRESS VIRGINA MADSEN, HOLLYWOOD ICON CONNIE STEVENS,  
"TWILIGHT" STAR BOOBOO STEWART AND OTHER HOLLYWOOD VISIONARIES**

**HOSTED BY SINGER SUZAN BRITTAN GAULT AND FOX NEWS REGULAR AND TALK  
SHOW HOST DR. DALE ARCHER**

**PETER BOGDANOVICH AND CYBILL SHEPHERD REUNITE FOR RARE FILM  
SCREENING AND Q & A SEPT 17**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT [WWW.TVIFF.COM](http://WWW.TVIFF.COM)**

**Festival is set for September 14 - 18**

TEMECULA (September 9, 2011) ---- From the Opening Night festivities on Sept. 14th to the star-studded Black-Tie Gala on Sept. 18th , the 17th Annual Temecula Valley International Film & Music Festival has something for everyone, from industry insiders to aspiring filmmakers and actors looking for their first big break.

The diverse line-up of over 160 films set for TVIFF include features like hard hitting military themed feature HAPPY NEW YEAR by K. Lorrel Manning to horror film, THE LEVINGER TAPES by Temecula producer/director, father and son team of David and Mark Robinson to light hearted comedies AU PAIR, KANSAS (2010) from Director/Producer/Writer J.T. O'Neal and MAYOR'S CUPCAKE (2011) starring Judd Nelson and Lea Thompson, also the film's executive producer, to special feature presentation of Connie Steven's first directorial effort, SAVING GRACE B. JONES, Jonathan Lynn's WILD TARGET starring Emily Blunt, Rupert Grint, Bill Nighy and Rupert Everett and the never before seen Director's Cut of Peter Bogdanovich's AT LONG LAST LOVE (1975) starring Cybill Shepherd and Burt Reynolds.

Shepherd and Bogdanovich will reunite for a rare Q&A session to discuss the movie, their Hollywood careers in the early 1970s.

Bogdanovich will be honored with the TVIFF Lifetime Achievement Award at the Black Tie Gala with Shepherd serving as his guest presenter.

Dozens of documentary films from THE LAST TO LEAVE (2010), about the final day of the Vietnam War as seen through the eyes of those who lived through it, to FROM THE GROUND UP (2011), about the widows of five firefighters who died during the 9/11 terrorist attacks, will also be screened.

In addition films from Australia, Spain, Japan, Italy, Germany., Poland, China, France, Canada and The Best of San Diego's 48 Hour Project will be showcased.

Shorts and Animated films round out the most diverse line-up in the Festival's 17 year history.

Founder and Festival Director Jo Moulton said "For five amazing days, the festival will bring to Temecula and to our festival audience, creativity, diversity and excellence at its finest. "

A complete listing and description of all films is available at [www.tviff.com/films.html](http://www.tviff.com/films.html)

## **OPENING NIGHT**

An evening of Red Carpet glamour, vibrant musical and dance performances and a critically-acclaimed feature film highlight the Opening Night festivities at Ultra Star Cinemas in the Tower Plaza Shopping Center.

The Opening Night film, LOSING CONTROL is a smart and quirky comedy about a neurotic female scientist who sets off on a series of wild dating adventures until she realizes that life is more about the ride rather than the destination. LOSING CONTROL marks the feature film directorial debut of Valerie Weiss whose award-winning short film TRANSGRESSIONS was screened at the Temecula festival in 2006.

"Loved it," said Jerry Zucker, director of AIRPLANE said of LOSING CONTROL. "Fun, really charming."

"I was blown away by your movie," actor and television director Joanna Kerns told Weiss. "So smart, so well cast, written and directed."

Performing prior to the film's screening will be Temecula's own Xenia, who wowed the entire nation this summer with her singing talents on NBC's smash hit show "The Voice." At just 16 years old, Xenia recently returned from a nationwide tour with other semi-finalists from the show.

## **THE MUSIC**

This year's music compilation features the most diverse talents and international group of performers in the history of the festival. From Japan's **Yukiko Nishimura** to Nashville's **The Worsties** to Texas' **Macy Medford** to Florida's **Rege Lark** to LA's **Alina Smith**, San Diego's **Joseph Pfeiffer** to Corona's **Brooke Rose**, Murrieta's **Ashley Zavala** - and artists from everywhere in between - the TVIFF Music Competition promises to be the most memorable ever.

Information about the 2011 TVIFF Music Competition and artists is available at [www.tviff.com/music.html](http://www.tviff.com/music.html)

## **THE WORKSHOPS**

From learning the secrets of how to tell a good story, to marketing your film, visual effects and post production tips , getting it distributed and maybe, just maybe, turning your idea into a multi-million dollar blockbuster, the 17th annual TVIFF has a workshop for you.

Featured workshops include Saturday's panel on Special & Visual Effects and Post Production hosted by 2011 VMA award winners Alex Valentine and Jeff Dotson of Dot & Effects, and former VP of Post Production Services for Walt Disney Studios Gil Gagnon, now a Temecula resident.

On Sunday "A Conversation with Oren Peli" the writer/producer/director of PARANORMAL ACTIVITY, the horror classic made for \$15,000 that has grosses more than \$150 million world-wide, will be held.

Information about the 2011 TVIFF Workshops and Panels is available at [www.tviff.com/workshops.html](http://www.tviff.com/workshops.html)

## **CLOSING NIGHT ---- BLACK TIE AWARDS GALA CELEBRATION**

On Sept. 18 the Closing Night Black Tie Awards Gala Celebration will take place at Pechanga Resort & Casino. Over the years the glamorous event has been a "Who's Who" of celebrities, movie stars, music legends and entertainment industry visionaries who have come to Temecula to honor their peers and celebrate the Festival's winning film and music entries.

This year's honorees continue TVIFF's reputation for celebrating the greatest and most accomplished names in film and music.

## **THE HONOREES**

### **LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD – PETER BOGDANOVICH**

In the 1970s, Peter Bogdanovich was considered part of the "new wave" of Hollywood directors that included George Lucas, Martin Scorsese, Brian DePalma and Steven Spielberg.

Bogdanovich began his career as an actor, studying under legendary acting teacher Stella Adler and appeared in summer stock and on television before turning to directing Off-Broadway plays.

In 1971 he directed then unknowns Jeff Bridges and Cybill Shepherd in THE LAST PICTURE SHOW, a brilliant look at 1950s life in a small Texas town. The film was recently designated a National Treasure by the Library of Congress.

For more than 25 years Bogdanovich was responsible for a string of classic American films including WHAT'S UP DOC, starring Barbara Streisand and Ryan O'Neal, AT LONG LAST LOVE, starring Cybill Shepherd and Burt Reynolds, THEY ALL LAUGHED (1981), Audrey Hepburn's last film and PAPER MOON (1973), starring Ryan O'Neal and daughter Tatum O'Neal. The film received four Academy Awards nominations and an Oscar win for 10-year-old Tatum O'Neal as Best Supporting Actress, the youngest to win in that category at the time.

In 1985, Bogdanovich scored another major triumph with MASK, starring Eric Stoltz and Cher, who won an Academy Award for Best Actress.

More recent projects have included NOISES OFF (1982), THE CAT'S MEOW (2001), THE MYSTERY OF NATALIE WOOD (2004) and the hard-hitting docu-drama HUSTLE (2004) about baseball player Peter Rose.

Bogdanovich also returned to his acting roots, playing a psychiatrist for four seasons on the hit HBO series "The Sopranos."

### **LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD – CONNIE STEVENS**

Connie Stevens has captivated audiences all over the world in both television and film and remains vibrant in a career that spans over half a century.

Stevens burst onto both the music and television scene in the early 1960s playing Cricket Blake in the hit detective series "Hawaiian Eye" and with the number one pop music single "Sixteen Reasons." Other television roles followed including the TV series "Wendy and Me" opposite George Burns and as Marilyn Monroe in the TV movie "The Sex Symbol."

On the big screen, Stevens appeared with heartthrob Troy Donohue in a series of films including PARISH (1961) and PALM SPRINGS WEEKEND (1963). She went on to star in cult film classics such as The GRISSON GANG (1971) and SCORCHY (1976) and alongside Michelle Pfeiffer in GREASE 2 (1982) and with Annette Funicello and Frankie Avalon in BACK TO THE BEACH (1987).

She also starred on [Broadway](#) in Neil Simon's "The Star-Spangled Girl" and won a Theatre World Award for her performance in 1967.

Steven traveled to Southeast Asia to perform with Bob Hope and his USO shows, an experience she would use later in life to write and direct the award-winning documentary THE HEALING (1997) about Red Cross nurses in Vietnam.

Stevens has headlined in Las Vegas and made guest appearances on numerous television shows including "Murder She Wrote" and "The Love Boat." She was married to actor James Stacy and crooner Eddie Fisher, the father of daughters Joely and Tricia Fisher, both successful actresses and entertainers.

An accomplished businesswoman, Stevens founded a cosmetics line in 1986 called "Forever Spring" and in 2005 she was elected secretary-treasurer of the Screen Actors' Guild.

Her tireless charitable work is legendary. In 1991 Stevens received the Lady of Humanities award from the Shriners Hospital and the Humanitarian of the Year Award by the Sons of Italy in Washington, D.C. She has also received the Decoration for Distinguished Civilian Service award from the United States Armed Forces, which is the highest honor that can be bestowed on a civilian. She also founded the Windfeather Project which grants scholarships to Native Americans.

## **LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR MUSIC – RUSS REGAN**

Without music executive Russ Regan chances are the public would never have heard of Elton John, Neil Diamond, Olivia Newton-John, Barry White and many other music legends.

Known as “The man with the golden ear,” Regan was the former head of both UNI and 20th Century Fox Records and responsible for selling over one billion records and CDs. He began his career at Motown Records promoting artists such as Stevie Wonder, Marvin Gaye and Smokey Robinson. He helped Frank Sinatra record “That’ Life” and suggested The Pendletons change their name to The Beach Boys.

In 1970 when a young English performer was dubbed “Regan’s folly” by executives at MCA Records, Regan stuck with Elton John, convinced the singer/songwriter was going to be a star.

At UNI Records Regan signed Neil Diamond after five other labels turned him down.

Regan has also supervised the soundtracks for the movies THIS IS SPINAL TAP, THE KARATE KID, A CHORUS LINE and many others. He was the Music Supervisor for four Academy Award-winning songs from the films THE POSEIDON ADVENTURE, THE TOWERING INFERNO, FLASHDANCE and CHARIOTS OF FIRE.

## **OUTSTANDING CAREER ACHIEVEMENT IN FILM AS AN ACTRESS – VIRGINIA MADSEN**

Madsen was nominated for both an Academy Award and a Golden Globe for her performance as Maya in SIDEWAYS (2005), a critically-acclaimed comedy from writer/director Alexander Payne about two buddies who set off on a pre-wedding wine-tasting adventure.

The film won six Independent Spirit Awards in 2005, including Best Supporting Female for Madsen, a cool, classic beauty whose illustrious resume features roles alongside the most notable and respected actors and actresses in the business including Harrison Ford, Meryl Streep, Kevin Kline, Matthew Broderick and James Coburn.

In addition to SIDEWAYS, Madsen has appeared in more than 35 films including DUNE (1984), THE RAINMAKER (1997), A PRARIE HOME COMPANION (2006), FIREWALL (2006), THE RIPPLE EFFECT (2007), THE NUMBER 23 (2007) and THE ASTRONAUT FARMER (2006).

She was mostly recently seen on the big screen in 2011’s RED RIDING HOOD and on television in the ABC dramedy series SCOUNDRELS.

Madsen comes from a very talented family. In addition to her Emmy Award winning mother, Elaine Madsen, her brother is gifted actor Michael Madsen, who was honored by the TVIFF in 2007.

## **MAVERICK SPIRIT AWARD – OREN PELI**

In 2007, Israeli-born writer, producer and director Oren Peli turned \$15,000 and an idea into the horror classic PARANORMAL ACTIVITY which has grossed more than \$194 million worldwide.

Following the phenomenal success of PARANORMAL ACTIVITY, Peli has produce and written several feature films including INSIDIOUS (2010) and PARANORMAL ACTIVITY 2 (2010). His films PARANORMAL ACTIVITY 3 and AREA 51 are scheduled for release later this year.

Peli's maverick spirit has proven to Hollywood that bigger isn't always better and inspired Paramount Studios to create an entirely new division dedicating to nurturing films made for under \$100,000.

In addition to accepting the award, Peli will participate in one of the festivals' numerous acting, music and marketing workshops taking place Sept. 17 and 18.

"A Conversation with Oren Peli" is scheduled for 3 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 18 in Theatre 1 of the Ultrastar Tower 10 in the Tower Plaza Shopping Center.

### **RISING STAR AWARD – BOOBOO STEWART**

At age 17 Booboo Stewart has already made great strides as an actor, singer, dancer and musician and is emerging as one of those young talents to watch.

Thrust into the global spotlight when he won the coveted role of "Seth Clearwater," the youngest member of the Wolfpack in THE TWILIGHT SAGA – ECLIPSE (2010), Booboo reprises the role in the highly anticipated sequel "THE TWILIGHT SAGA - BREAKING DAWN, PARTS 1 & 2. He can also be seen opposite Val Kilmer in the Indy feature AMERICAN COWSLIP (2009) and with Mira Sorvino and Peter Fonda in the family film SMITTY (2010). Booboo just wrapped the film WHITE FROG in which he plays a teen who suffers from Aspergers Syndrome, a dramatic role that has already created industry buzz about his performance.

On television, Booboo has appeared on popular shows such as "ER," "Good Luck Charlie" and "CSI: Miami."

Prior to his appearances in the TWILIGHT SAGA films, Booboo was best known among tweens as a member of the Walt Disney Records recording group "T-Squad" and toured with The Cheetah Girls, The Jonas Brothers and Miley Cyrus. He has an exclusive endorsement deal with Gibson Guitars and can also play bass, keyboards and drums. Booboo is also a singer/songwriter who has performed with his sisters Fivel and Maegan. He is also a martial arts expert having been inducted into the Martial Arts Junior Hall of Fame in 2004.

Not only is he multi-talented but he is a young philanthropist as well. Booboo is an advocate of children's causes for USA Child Help and is a Celebrity Ambassador for MDA.

### **MAYOR'S VISIONARY AWARD – ERIC HANSEN**

Blu-ray is leading the way as the next generation of media storage and delivery for the entertainment, business, government and consumer markets.

Eric Hansen, President and CEO of Blue Star technologies, is the man behind the scenes molding the future of movie consumption and distribution. His company services almost every Hollywood Film studio and every major video game manufacturer.

Hansen founded the first Independent DVD manufacturing facility in the US and he continues to be a huge player in buying and creating content for the surging public demand of Blu-ray and 3D titles.

### **OUTSTANDING CAREER ACHIEVEMENT IN MUSIC AS FILM ORCHESTRATOR AND ARRANGER – PETE ANTHONY**

One of the busiest conductors and orchestrators in the Los Angeles film industry, Pete Anthony has worked on more than 300 feature films including GREEN HORNET (2011), THE SIXTH SENSE (1999), SPIDER-MAN I-III, THE

DEVIL WEARS PRADA (2006) and has collaborated with many of Hollywood's top composers including James Newton Howard, Danny Elfman, John Powell and Marco Beltrami.

A graduate of Williams College, Anthony attended the USC Scoring for Motion Pictures & Television Program. For the past ten years he has been a part-time faculty member at USC, teaching orchestration and conducting.

## **ABOUT THE FESTIVAL**

The 17th annual Temecula Valley International Film & Music Festival takes place Sept. 14 - 18, 2011 at Ultrastar Tower 10 in the Tower Plaza Shopping Center. The festival is presented by Cinema Entertainment Alliance, a non-profit arts and education organization dedicated to celebrating world cinema and music. In 2010, over 300 filmmakers, musicians, producers, directors, writers, judges, composers, arrangers, agents, publicists, cast and crew participated in the festival.

Past TVIFF honorees include Smokey Robinson, Kenny Loggins, Raquel Welch, Dionne Warwick, Carl Reiner, Mary Steenburgen, Michael Madsen, Shirley Jones, Gena Rowlands, Michael York, Hector Elizondo, Ray Charles, Rita Coolidge, William Shatner, Patty Duke, Billy Preston, Earth, Wind & Fire and Louis Gossett, Jr. Additional honorees have included Directors John Badham, Andy Fickman, Jonathan Lynn and Robert Wise, as well as Producer Lucas Foster and Composers Lalo Schifrin, Christopher Young, John Ottman and John Debney.

## **ABOUT TEMECULA**

Home of Southern California's Wine County ---- with more than 30 award winning wineries ---- the Temecula Valley offers championship golf courses, hot air balloon rides, relaxing spas, a vibrant Old Town, restaurants, shopping and a wide variety of accommodations, all within an easy drive of anywhere in Southern California. For more information contact the Temecula Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau.

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