



YUCCA VALLEY

FILM FESTIVAL

PROGRAM

2023



EDITORIAL

Welcome to Yucca Valley!

We are excited to celebrate the 5th anniversary of the Town of Yucca Valley's signature event!

This year we received more than 500 submissions from 32 countries. Over the course of 3 days, we will screen a curated selection of 40 movies and present the work of over 70 filmmakers, scriptwriters, composers and artists.

Our selection also welcomes many local talents from Yucca Valley, Joshua Tree, Palm Springs, Cathedral City, Cabazon... There is complimentary popcorn every evening, you will be able to ask questions after every screening, get artist's autographs, and vote for your favorite movie!

Do not miss the Red Carpet every day 6 to 7pm, the Kids Program Saturday 1pm, and the Masterclass with Rosanna Arquette on Saturday at 4pm. Winning films and artists will all be announced Sunday at 7pm, during the Awards Ceremony.

The festival is free of charge, come and enjoy!

Matt & Auregan

FRIDAY 10

6 PM - RED CARPET

Come as you are and walk the red carpet with Copper Mountain College mascot **SPIKE**.

6:45 PM - ART SHOW OPENING

Art Exhibit: local and statewide photographers and artists showing.

7 PM - OPENING FILMS

In presence of directors and cast members.

Followed by a picture signing with all participating filmmakers.

Opening words with **Mayor Rick Denison**.

What Ever Happened To Jonny Faith directed by Benjamin Pollack

Murder She Wanted directed by Rachel Shimko

Viva directed by Steven Petersen



SATURDAY 11

10 AM - DRONE FILMS & DOCUMENTARIES

In presence of directors and producers.

Followed by a picture signing with all participating filmmakers.

Trinity At Night directed by Skip Fredricks

La Jolla: Jewel of the Coast directed by Christopher Crass

A Wild Idea directed by Amy Duchene

Colors of the Canyon directed by Bill Ohanesian

The Place Where I Live directed by Guillermo García

Unforgotten: JD Smith directed by Danilo Dayani

Women's Voices: 'I am' directed by Bob Stevens

Bobcats: Football Returns to Paradise directed by Ev Durán

1 PM - KIDS PROGRAM

presented by Z107.7 Community Radio

In presence of directors and animators.

Robie directed by Pei-Lun Hsieh

Corvine directed by Sean McCarron

Weirdos directed by Paul Hollingsworth

The Brave Locomotive directed by Andrew P. Chesworth

Flower directed by Carolyn Gair

Bloom In directed by Avery Robinson Rouda

Peculiar and Strange directed by Hanna Kim

2:30 PM - STUDENT FILMS

presented by Copper Mountain College

Some film contain adult themes.

In presence of directors and cast members.

Followed by a picture signing with all participating filmmakers.

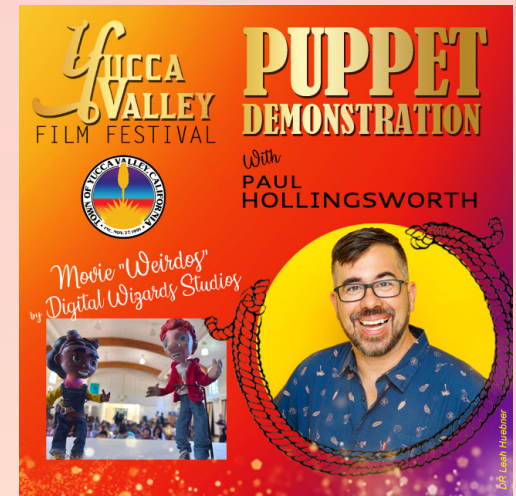
Camping directed by Maria Valdez

Carrie Lives Alone directed by Kali Veach

Things To Do Before You Turn 18 directed by George Tsereteli Ortiz

He Loves Me Not directed by Alexandra Miller

Wildland Fire Academy directed by Steve Brown, Henry Power



SATURDAY 11

4 PM - MASTERCLASS

Free admission but RSVP mandatory on YVFF website. Followed by a picture signing.

Guest speaker ROSANNA ARQUETTE.

Rosanna has appeared in over 70 films, which have earned over \$450 million in domestic box office sales.

Her vast experience in the world of film and television has inspired her to explore and expand her talent as a filmmaker into the realm of directing and producing with two highly acclaimed documentaries, 2002's "Searching for Debra Winger" and 2005's "All We Are Saying."

As a busy actress, filmmaker, and activist, her passion for her work is matched only by her love for her daughter and her family.



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6PM - RED CARPET

In presence of Americana Jiu Jitsu Collective Yucca Valley. Open to anyone for selfies tonight, come as you are!

7 PM - SHORT FILMS BLOCK 1 - Family Friendly - some language

In presence of directors and cast members. Followed by a picture signing with all participating filmmakers.

- X AE A-12 directed by Chris Collins
- Lunch Tattoo directed by Nicholas Luciano
- In the Skies directed by Chris Lee
- Forcefields directed by Marco Colosimo

SATURDAY 11

SHORT FILMS BLOCK 2 - Some film contain adult themes (thriller, horror, social issues...)

In presence of directors and cast members. Followed by a picture signing with all participating filmmakers.

- Savage Dawn directed by Tamiah Bantum
- Unripe directed by P.M Nelson
- Twenty One at the Belle Saloon directed by Scott Seagren
- Kombucha! directed by Jake Myers



SUNDAY 12

1 PM - MUSIC COMPOSERS PANEL & LIVE PIANO DEMONSTRATION

Interactive event. Followed by a picture signing with all participating composers.

Brian Katona, Composer for the documentary My Hatton

Kurt Schawacker, Composer music video Hymns of a Dying World

Jason Allen Weber, Composer for the movie 37



2 PM - SCRIPTWRITERS ROUNDTABLE

As it became a tradition, we will gather all scriptwriters selected in competition for a roundtable about writing, scriptwriting, and the process behind putting stories on paper.

Followed by a picture signing with all participating scriptwriters.

Rob York with script Trickster

Josh Smith with script Pink X Blue

Jackie Hovorka with script Dear Cancer

Rommel Rojas with script Naughty Maids

Stephen Burns with script Ludlow

Kevin Mann with script ap*pe*tite

Mark Landau, Ali Tafreshi with script Cancer

Cathy Trope with script 10 West

Richard Brown with script Arsenal of Doom

Rubayat Hassan with script Catharsis 1

Jesse Dorian with script As Scared As You

Emerson Tenney with script Freesia

3:15 PM - MUSIC VIDEOS, VISUAL ARTS - Some film contain adult themes

In presence of directors, artists and producers.

Followed by a picture signing with all participating filmmakers.

Other Side directed by Florian Cioffi

Imagine You're Not In Pain – Noisy Letter 3.1.17 directed by Heather Williamson

The Arizona Storm directed by Randy Woods

The Man Who Couldn't Clap directed by Josh Rose, Hyunoh Chang

Higher – Michael Buble directed by Derek Hough

Shotgun directed by Roberto de la Cruz

Sinful Betty's Band – Forgotten directed by Damian Wiśniewski, Beata Wiśniewska

Plant Seeds directed by Jaletta Kalman

Mothers of Mayhem – Elijah Jones directed by Kelsey Blasdell

SUNDAY 12

6 PM - FINAL RED CARPET

In presence of Miss Yucca Valley Court and YVHS Homecoming Queen and King. Open to everyone with local photographer snapping each and every guest, including you: come as you are!

7 PM - HARP PERFORMANCE

Presented by Pacific Western Bank Yucca Valley and the Yucca Valley Center for Spiritual Living.

Internationally sought after harp player ARAMI, will perform live on stage to open the final Award Ceremony.



7:15 PM - AWARDS CEREMONY

Announcement of winners.

Awards presenters include: Council members of the Town of Yucca Valley, YVHS Homecoming Queen and King, Miss Yucca Valley Court, the Chamber of Commerce of Yucca Valley and the Hi-Desert Water District.



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5TH ANNIVERSARY
November 10, 11, 12, 2023

FREE ADMISSION
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QUESTIONS TO FILMMAKERS
With **KELLY KOZAKEVICH**



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FESTIVAL PODCAST
With **CHLOÉ MALAISE**

Podcast presented by
State Farm
Yucca Valley



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RED CARPET
With **SPIKE**



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ART EXHIBIT

Artists from Yucca Valley,
Joshua Tree, Cabazon,
Los Angeles and
Desert Hot Springs




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OPENING WORDS
with **MAYOR RICK DENISON**

Kick off event
Red Carpet
Movies
Pop Corn!



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PUPPET DEMONSTRATION
With **PAUL HOLLINGSWORTH**

Movie "Weirdo"
by Digital Wizards Studios




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MASTER CLASS
With **ROSANNA ARQUETTE**

Followed by
Picture Signing




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SHORT FILMS NIGHT

Curated selection of
western movies,
comedies, dramas
and science fiction



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PIANO DEMONSTRATION
With **BRIAN KATONA**

How to compose
music
for the screen.



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SCRIPTWRITERS ROUNDTABLE

Learn about the craft
of writing stories
for the screen.



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