



BALBOA BAY RESORT HOME OF THE NEWPORT BEACH FILM FESTIVAL 2021

Honorees Awarded with Red Carpet, Reception and Award Ceremony In Partnership with Variety and Sponsored by Aston Martin

Newport Beach, CA (October 2021) – On Sunday, October 24, the Newport Beach Film Festival celebrated eight honorees and four of *Variety's* Top Ten Actors to Watch with a star-studded red carpet, brunch and ceremony at Newport Beach's premier waterfront retreat, [Balboa Bay Resort](#), sponsored by [Aston Martin](#).

Honorees at the festival included Rosanna Arquette (Icon Award), Regina Hall (Artist of Distinction), Harvey Keitel (Lifetime Achievement Award), Ray Liotta (Icon Award), Jeffrey Wright (Legend Award), Simon Rex (Spotlight Award), and Thomasin McKenzie (Breakout Performance Award), Justin H. Min (After Yang), Saniyya Sidney (King Richard), Filippo Scotti (The Hand of God), and more.

Following the red carpet and reception in Balboa Bay Resort's newly introduced waterfront Lighthouse Room, the award ceremony, catered by Balboa Bay Resort Executive Chef Prabeen Prathapan, began with opening remarks by festival founders Todd Quartararo and Gregg Schwenk, as well as the mayor of Newport Beach, Brad Avery.

The Newport Beach Film Festival acknowledges over 300 pieces of original and inspiring work from creators and actors from across the world.

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About Balboa Bay Resort

Balboa Bay Resort is Newport Beach's premier waterfront retreat offering stunning bay views and sunsets over Balboa Bay's harbor. Recently named the #1 Resort in Newport Beach by U.S. News & World Report, the Forbes Four-Star and AAA Four-Diamond property features 159 luxurious guestrooms and suites, offering relaxed yet refined accommodations. The celebrated culinary program includes A+O Restaurant | Bar with food and beverage direction by Executive Chef Prabeen Prathapan, spirit-forward, creative craft cocktails and live acoustic music most nights; Blend, offering fresh grab-and-go delicacies and delights that pair perfectly with beautiful bay views; a pool bar; and in-room dining. Wellness amenities include a fitness studio, year-round heated outdoor swimming pool and whirlpool with poolside cabanas, a full-service 10,000-square-foot spa, and Drybar salon. The new Recreation Center offers land and water sport rentals from the hotel's private dock along with curated experiences and a robust Poolside Cabana program. Wedding and group offerings include the waterfront Lighthouse Room, Bayfront ceremony lawn and more, totaling nearly 32,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor function space. For more information, please visit www.balboabayresort.com.

About the Newport Beach Film Festival

Recognized as one of the largest luxury lifestyle film festivals in the United States, the Newport Beach Film Festival brings an international curated collection of films and vibrant

cultural gatherings to the beautiful Southern California coast. Committed to championing the work of original storytellers from around the globe, the festival celebrates contemporary screen culture, cinematic excellence and engages the community in compelling conversations with filmmakers and artists. The 22nd Annual Newport Beach Film Festival runs October 21-28, 2021 and will spotlight over 300 films from around the world. The Newport Beach Film Festival is sponsored in part by Morgan Stanley, UCI Health, Tito's Handmade Vodka, Fashion Island, Aston Martin and the City of Newport Beach. For Festival passes, tickets and safety information, visit www.NewportBeachFilmFest.com.

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