



La Costa Film Festival to Honor Motion Picture and Television Star John C. McGinley with Legacy Award

CARLSBAD, CA (August 28, 2015) – Best recognized as *Dr. Perry Cox* on the hit show [Scrubs](#), actor, writer, producer [John C. McGinley](#) has had a remarkable career in film. Showcasing a diverse range of characters in over sixty feature films, some of McGinley's most notable collaborations have been with director Oliver Stone in [Platoon](#) (1986), [Wall Street](#) (1987), [Talk Radio](#) (1988), [Born on the Fourth of July](#) (1989), [Nixon](#) (1995) and [Any Given Sunday](#) (1999). McGinley will be honored during the Festival's La Costa Film Festival Honors awards event. Last year's Legacy Award recipient is actor/producer/director [Ed Harris](#) (2014).

"Of course, I am deeply honored that The La Costa Film Festival has selected me to receive the 2015 Legacy Award. Like the Festival itself, my career has benefited from good fortune and required a lot of support from friends and family. But here we are – ready to have fun and enjoy some of America's greatest films nobody knows about – yet!" said Mr. McGinley.

Included in its list of 47 films to be screened are five "must see" world premieres all of which are sports-focused: the surfing documentary "[7 Miles of Paradise](#)," "[The Play](#)" about the greatest play in the history of American football and "[Tose](#)," about the former Philadelphia Eagles owner who established the first Ronald McDonald House.

"Our Festival is unique not simply because the our venue is a legendary Hollywood get-away destination, the posh [Omni La Costa Resort & Spa](#) currently celebrating its 50th Anniversary, but also for its emphasis on showcasing groundbreaking sports films," states Festival President and co-founder Michael Callihan. "That's not by accident. A key Festival sponsor, Mandalay Sports Media(MSM), is a sports-focused content and media company that creates high quality and high volume programming. Their generous participation is

instrumental in helping us attract some of the greatest sports filmmakers on the planet.”

A quintessentially Southern Californian opening night gala features the screening of [All In Time](#) under the stars on a huge 30x17 foot screen set up on the Resort’s center court where so many tennis greats have played. A dramatic comedy about life, love, passion, All In Time actors Lynn Cohen, Sean Modica, Laura Shay, and Pritesh Shah as well as co-director/co-writer/producer Marina Donahue will be participate in a “Q&A with the audience” session.

In fact, the Festival boasts 18 films with audience Q&A’s and three panels that are free to the public:

- The Reel Pitch: a live filmmaker competition with one chance to fulfill their dreams
- Game Changer: why diversity matters in business and film
- Storytelling through Sports: why it works

“What I’m most excited about is not simply the amazing quality of movies (Festival-goers have given the films screened an average of 4 out of 5 points for excellence) and the accessibility of the fans to the stars and film-makers, but our energetic connection with the Carlsbad community - especially the kids,” comments Festival co-founder Ruby Callihan.

Funded by the [Coastal Community Foundation](#), the Festival collaborated with the digital media education non-profit [Outside the Lens](#) to hold an intense filmmaking workshop free to local 7th-9th graders. A truly hands-on experience, the students took the core film making concepts they learned and produced a short narrative film, [FORE!](#) which will screen on Saturday at the Ruby G. Schulman Auditorium.

Callihan adds, “for me, it’s perhaps the most important film of the entire event – not because of what it says but who is saying it – our kids.” In addition to the other film award categories, the winners of the high school short film competition will be announced and presented a \$1,000 cash prize from [ScholarShare](#) later on Saturday’s La Costa Honors Awards Gala held at the Omni La Costa Resort’s edge pool.

For tickets and information please visit LaCostaFilmFestival.org or email Tickets@LaCostaFilmFestival.org
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About The La Costa Film Festival

Founded by Carlsbad residents Michael and Ruby Callihan in 2013, staffed by over 180 volunteers and produced annually by La Costa Dreams, Inc, a 501(c) 3 non-profit public benefit corporation, the La Costa Film Festival ([#LaCostaFilmFest](#)) (www.lacostafilmfestival.org) combines an incomparable coastal destination with the mystique of Hollywood in celebration of the art of motion pictures. The four-day festival of domestic and international screenings, expert panels, swanky galas, and special events is held on September 10-13, 2015, at the Omni La Costa Resort & Spa, [Cinépolis Luxury Cinemas La Costa](#), and the Ruby G. Schulman Auditorium at the Carlsbad Dove Library. The Festival is sponsored by Omni La Costa Resort & Spa, Mandalay Sports Media and Cinépolis USA with additional support by the [City of Carlsbad Cultural Arts Office](#), the [County of San Diego](#) and [Visit Carlsbad](#).

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