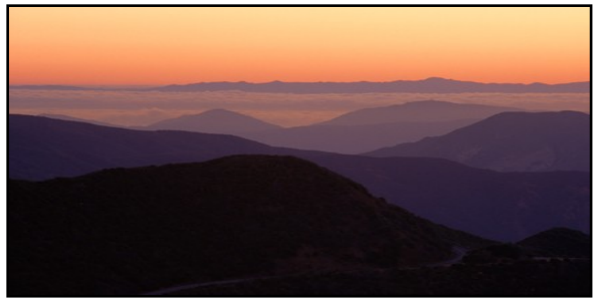




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Idyllic So. Cal town of Ojai hosts 8th Annual Film Festival

Ojai, CA. – The Ojai Film Festival, October 4-7, 2007, provides film and nature enthusiasts with a breathtaking, relaxing and friendly environment to enjoy groundbreaking independent works and low-key interaction with top Hollywood filmmakers and performers. Only 70 miles northwest of Los Angeles and 15 miles from the Pacific Ocean, Ojai also features world-renowned spas and golfing in a small town setting.

With its mission of *"Enriching the Human Spirit Through Film"*, the 2007 Ojai Film festival will feature: **Julie Christie** serving as a curator for films of topical interest; the honoring of world renowned cinematographer **Vilmos Zsigmond** (*Close Encounters of The Third Kind*, *The Deer Hunter*, *The Black Dahlia*); filmmaking seminars with top industry icons; an outdoor screening; premieres of potential Academy Awards film nominees; and the west coast premiere of *Numb* with the film's **Matthew Perry** and **Mary Steenburgen** in attendance. There will also be a special pre-event golf outing at the legendary par-70 PGA golf course at Ojai Valley Inn.

Ojai is truly a Shangri-La, and it even served as a stand-in for the mythical city in the 1937 film classic "Lost Horizon." The valley is set against the dramatic background of the Topa Topa Mountains, surrounded by the Los Padres National Forest. Some have called this area the last intact Mediterranean ecosystem in Southern California and compare it often to Tuscany. The hills above Ojai are covered with sage, chaparral, oaks and eucalyptus.

Over the years, many writers, poets, sculptors, ceramic artists, painters, photographers and filmmakers have made Ojai their home. With an active art community, spa retreats, golf courses and spiritual sanctuaries, Ojai's amazing offerings include: The Oaks at Ojai - a spa that offers a delightful, stress-free place to enjoy a wide array of relaxing treatments; and the Ojai Valley trail – a rail-trail that follows the Ventura River from the Pacific Ocean into the valley, passing broad open spaces and wonderful views of the surrounding mountains as it climbs.

The 2006 Ojai Film Festival highlights included the West coast premiere of *Catch a Fire* with **Tim Robbins** and **Derek Luke**, and filmmaking seminars with world-renowned cinematographer **Laszlo Kovacs** (*Easy Rider*, *Shampoo*, *Paper Moon*). For more information about the Ojai Film Festival visit www.ojaifilmfestival.com

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About the Ojai Film Festival

The Ojai Film Festival is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting and supporting the art of the motion picture through the presentation of an annual multi day festival in which films and videos submitted by filmmakers throughout the world are publicly exhibited at several venues in and around the city of Ojai, California. www.ojaifilmfestival.com