

## 2016 OJAI FILM FESTIVAL

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*We're getting closer! Don't forget to let us know you will be a volunteer.*

### WE'RE WORKING ON THESE WORKSHOPS AND ACTIVITIES...

The OFF Board is actively putting together the workshops and seminars of the 2016 festival:

- \* Stuntmen/women in films
- \* Scriptwriting- do's & don'ts
- \* Comedy in Films
- \* The iPhone as a film camera
- \* Women in Film
- \* Animation Techniques
- \* Actors' Panel

Additionally, there are several "set pieces" that will occur in the festival:

- Cinematographer's Seminar
- Screening the Ojai Film Society's Young Filmmakers Competition winners
- Stage reading of the Screenplay Competition winner

## VOLUNTEERING

The 2016 Ojai Film Festival will run from the opening night film in Libbey Bowl on NOVEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup> through two weekends (let us know if you have a particular family-friendly film you would nominate for screening: [contact@ojaifilmfestival.com](mailto:contact@ojaifilmfestival.com))

*It's going to be an exciting and busy time so we are asking anyone interested in volunteering to the festival to commit early. Go to the OFF website ([www.ojaifilmfestival.com](http://www.ojaifilmfestival.com)) and click on the "Volunteers" section. Those signing up early will have first choice of Festival assignments. You'll also have free entry into pre-Festival events and activities; it also helps us in planning for staffing.*

In return we plan to provide volunteers with (besides our heartfelt thanks): a 5-Pack set of tickets for every 12 hours volunteered, a 2016 piece of Festival apparel, a pre-Festival and post-Festival Party, and the opportunity to view all accepted films pre-Festival in a marathon screening session..

Once again, thanks- we can't do this without you.



### OFF Contact List:

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Help!

We really need someone who loves films and enjoys "tweaking" websites. We want to update our OFF website ([www.ojaifilmfestival.com](http://www.ojaifilmfestival.com)) to 'jazz' it up and give it some more 'pizazz.'

If you know of anyone who likes to be creative, knows how to work in WordPress and is willing to volunteer her/his expertise in return for the volunteer 'perks' please have her/him contact us: [contact@ojaifilmfestival.com](mailto:contact@ojaifilmfestival.com)

## THE SCREENING OF FILMS HAS BEGUN

Once again the Festival is receiving a large number of submitted films. **Sonja Lindstrom**, our Film Festival Manager is still accepting new screeners so, if you are interested in screening or being an alternative screener (in case a regular screener is out of town), contact Sonja at: [imsonja@me.com](mailto:imsonja@me.com).



## THE ARTISTS COMPETITION IS UNDERWAY

You have probably seen the signs around town announcing that The Ojai Film Festival is hosting a contest to design original artwork which will promote the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Ojai Film Festival. The competition is open to artists/designers of all ages. Entries must be received by Friday, June 24, 2016 at 5pm (PST). The winning artwork will be used on the Festival Poster and the cover of the Festival Program.

Information is available on the OFF website: [www.ojaifilmfestival.com](http://www.ojaifilmfestival.com).

## ANOTHER FREE FILM BEING PLANNED

What a lineup of activities is being planned for this year's Festival! Besides the usual Thursday evening film we always start the Festival with we have added a second free film for the community- it will be on Wednesday evening, taking place in the green, grassy area behind the Arcade. The community will be invited to "stop in" and make themselves comfortable on the lawn. We'll start the screening at 7 pm. Looks as if the film will be the highly acclaimed animation feature: SONG OF THE SEA.

Go ahead and "Google" it, you'll want to get there early.

## SCREENWRITING COMPETITION:

Boy! Has the screenwriting Competition taken off! Submissions are coming in and the winner's screenplay will receive a *Live Table Read* during the film festival.

If you or anyone you know is interested in participating *as a reader* in this new program, please contact **Bruce Novotny** at: [brucenovotny@verizon.net](mailto:brucenovotny@verizon.net)



## CINEMATOGRAPHER DEAN CUNDEY CHOSEN FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Check him out at:

<http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0005678/>



## HELP! FILM TRAFFIC MANAGER NEEDED

**Film Traffic Manager** – the person responsible for contacting the filmmakers in late August and early September whose film has been chosen for the Festival. This person makes sure that the festival receives the necessary exhibition files in the correct format and in a timely manner.

If you are interested or know of someone who might be, have them contact us at [contact@ojaifilmfestival.com](mailto:contact@ojaifilmfestival.com)

## CHAPARRAL AUDITORIUM AND EGG CARTONS

It appears that we will have to use Chaparral auditorium again this year. We are trying to keep all of the film venues within an easy walk of each other. But we are lucky – **Barry Hamlin**, an audio expert, has volunteered to work with us to transform the sound in Chaparral- that was major criticism last year.

You can help... save egg cartons. They are a wonderful way of managing sound and we are planning, under Barry's direction, to use them in Chaparral. The more the merrier so when you have saved up a bunch send us a note via email and we'll arrange a place where you can take them and we will store them until they are needed.

Thanks for 'pitching in.'



## REGARDING THE OJAI PLAYHOUSE...

Two Recent Developments: A Complaint to the CPUC  
Has Been Filed and Claremont Has a Trial Date  
(an email sending from the Ojai Film Society)

You'll be pleased to learn that the City of Ojai has hired the Ojai FLOW board member and attorney Ryan Blatz to write a complaint to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) on behalf of the City. The complaint is about Golden State's lack of response in completing its responsibility to repair the landmark Ojai Playhouse.

Ryan, who likely has more experience than anyone in the Golden State water issue in Ojai, did more than just write a letter. He set down in legalese and wrote an entire case against the Golden State operations in Ojai that will likely help us in our buyout as well as in our class action lawsuit against Golden State.

Ryan included two support letters from County Supervisor Steve Bennett, as well as letters of support from the Ojai Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Ojai Valley Board of Realtors, the Ojai Film Society, and the Ojai Film Festival, along with the protest picture taken in front of the theater on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, 2015. When you read this complaint you'll be reminded of Ojai's reputation for always sticking together for the benefit of neighbors and community.

The City of Ojai and the City of Claremont have been mutually supportive in the efforts to remove Golden State as Ojai's and Claremont's water purveyor. We're waiting for an Ojai trial date to be set, but have been informed that the Claremont trial date set has been set for June 23. You can bet that Golden State will be watching that case carefully, as will the Ojai attorneys.

[ If you would like to read the complete filing by Mr. Blatz contact Jon Lambert at [contact@ojaifilmfestival.com](mailto:contact@ojaifilmfestival.com) and he will send you a PDF file ]



### INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Here's an opportunity to learn about how a Film Festival works. We're seeking two individuals to intern with the OFF this year. Both will work with our Executive Director - one as an *Administrative Assistant*, and another to assist with *Marketing* the festival to the public.

If you know of anyone (over the age of 18) who might be interested have them contact Maryse Gartner at [mgartner@ojaifilmfestival.com](mailto:mgartner@ojaifilmfestival.com).