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To media, sponsors, friends of the LA Harbor International Film Festival,

This afternoon the City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) mandated by Mayor Eric Garcetti announced they will close all facilities/venues for public events in connection with concerns about the COVID virus, effective immediately.

Ergo the 17th annual LA Harbor International Film Festival scheduled for March 12-15 is CANCELLED.

Thankfully this morning we held the free education outreach program "Read the Book, See the Movie" (RBSM) Culmination Program that was a huge success, albeit with less attendance than planned for, including the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Mounted Enforcement with five deputies and "Silver" the magnificent white steed that was like having the "Lone Ranger" present to the delight of all present.

We thank all for support and urge you to be conscientious with respect to the public health concerns and hope that this abstruse international crisis concludes soon.

Thank you for your support and we are already planning for next year and possibly a special event before the end of the year TBD.

Keep reading and see you at the movies!

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