## LA Harbor International Film Festival<sup>™</sup> (LAHIFF)

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## Media Alert & Invitation

## <u>Thursday, February 15 - Ports O'Call Restaurant</u> <u>Programming & Sponsors Announced</u> <u>LA Harbor International Film Festival™ Sets Sail On 15<sup>th</sup> Voyage March 15-18</u> <u>Warner Grand Theatre – historic downtown San Pedro – the Port of Los Angeles (POLA)</u> <u>Supervisor Janice Hahn\* To Unveil Official Poster & Banner</u>

Those receiving this notice are cordially invited:

- WHO: Members of media, festival sponsors, civic & business leaders, and invited guests only
- BY: LA Harbor International Film Festival™ (LAHIFF)
- FOR: 15<sup>th</sup> annual Seafarin' Reception & Press Launch

Serving Libation Sponsor SVEDKA Vodka "Bye Bye Birdie-tinis" ~ wine & non-alcoholic beverage Appetizers by Elite Sponsor Ports O'Call Restaurant & Epicurean Sponsor Wienerschnitzel Party favors provided by Accommodation Sponsor - Double Tree By Hilton (Cabrillo Marina-San Pedro) Entertainment by vocalist Rosie Brand ~ Door Prize Raffle ~ Business Attire

- WHERE: Co-hosted by and taking place <u>Ports O'Call Restaurant</u> Harbor View Room Berth 76, Nagoya Way, Ports O'Call Village, San Pedro, CA 90731 - POLA
- WHY: To announce final programming and sponsors for the 15<sup>th</sup> annual LAHIFF March March 15-18, 2018 at the Warner Grand Theatre (WGT), 478 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St., historic downtown San Pedro – the POLA *WGT is a facility of the City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA)*

WHEN: Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> : 5 - 7 pm

5 - @5:30 pm.	Refreshments and entertainment by chanteuse Rosie Brand
@5: 30 pm	Welcome, introductions, announcement of final programming & sponsors
@5:50	Remarks by Supervisor Hahn; poster & street banner unveiling
@6-6:30 pm	Press queries. Door prize raffle – tickets on sale at event
7 pm	Event concludes

R.S.V.P. By Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> to Stephanie Mardesich (310) 519-0756 or email stephaniemardesich@yahoo.com NAMES MUS<u>T BE ON GUEST LIST TO BE ADMITTED</u>

◆ SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY:

Bring personal or business check to pre-pay at discount price \$50 per person (otherwise \$65) to attend Hollywood Nostalgia Tribute (HNT) "Bye Bye Birdie" (shown in 45 mm)

"Put On A Happy Face Red Carpet Gala" ~ March 17; 5-6:45 pm in WGT

MORE: See website at www.laharborfilmfest.com Program announcement will be posted February 16<sup>th</sup> TICKETS: From Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> at brownpapertickets.com; box office day of event one hour prior to program (cash only) <u>Coverage Requested ~ Photo Opportunities ~ Sponsorship Opportunities still available</u>

**Mission Statement**: the annual LAHIFF founded in 2003, is a non-juried, non-competitive film festival that aims to entertain, enlighten and educate the cinematic audience by showcasing film and video that reflects the harbor and all that it embraces – shipping and commerce, fishing, sailing, water sports, sea life and the area's rich ethnic and cultural influences; and to promote literacy and a more thoughtful way to view a film through the education outreach program "Read the Book, See the Movie" – to create a cinematic bridge between the people of the region and the people of the world.

\*Expected, however subject to last minute chang

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