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San Luis Obispo International Film Festival Announces March 6-10, 2013 Highlights *Special Venues, Wine Events, Surf Nite and More Planned for Unique California-Flavored Festival*

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA (September 27, 2012) – After receiving international media attention for last year's unprecedented [Citizen Kane screening](#), the 19th annual [San Luis Obispo International Film Festival](#) (SLOIFF) returns March 6-10, 2013, with another unforgettable festival lineup. Highlights, detailed below, include historic venues such as Hearst Castle and unique, regionally-flavored events like wine tasting pre-screening parties and surf-themed film celebrations that underscore the destination's wine country and beach attractions.

Wednesday, March 6

OPENING NIGHT PREMIERE: Food and wine reception and Central Coast feature-length premiere with director, producers and cast in attendance

Thursday, March 7

HEARST CASTLE VIP EVENT: Plans are being formulated for another event at this internationally renowned monument

BIKE MOVIE NIGHT: Screening of a popular bicycle-themed film with associated lead actor in attendance

HOLLYWOOD & VINES SING-ALONG: Wine and cheese reception and sing-along screening of a classic musical film

Friday, March 8

SURF NITE IN SLO: Surf documentary screening with special guest surfers and filmmakers followed by meet-and-greet and after-party

Saturday, March 9

INDEPENDENT FILM AND KING VIDOR AWARDS NIGHT: Awards presented to standout filmmakers; 2013 King Vidor Award presented to film industry personality; after-party at local venue

FILMMAKERS OF TOMORROW SHOWCASE: Young filmmakers from around the world compete for cash prizes



MOVIE-IN-A-DAY MARATHON: Amateur filmmakers create a short film in seven hours for a chance to win cash prizes

Sunday, March 10

CENTRAL COAST FILMMAKER SHOWCASE: Central Coast Filmmaker screenings followed by awards presentation during Closing Night party

March 7-10

This year's *special series* will be dedicated to the musical component of filmmaking and will include special guests, films, seminars and live performances

Screening more than 100 films over a span of five days and at a variety of historic venues such as Hearst Castle, the **San Luis Obispo International Film Festival** is a premier California celebration of cinematic culture. Each year, it introduces audiences to a one-of-a-kind lineup of cutting-edge documentaries, independent short and full-length films, and tried-and-true classics, while recognizing Hollywood celebrities, new filmmakers and behind-the-scenes heroes through intimate Q&A sessions, seminars and awards ceremonies. Set amid the beautiful scenery of the Central Coast, film festival events also boast rich regional flavors and influences stemming from award-winning Paso Robles wine country to the coastal culture of Pismo Beach and Morro Bay. To learn more about the film festival, visit <http://slofilmfest.org>, or email Festival Director Wendy Eidson at festivaldirector@slofilmfest.org. For more information or images, media may contact On the Horizon Communications at (805) 773-1000, or email stephanie@thepressroom.com.