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FULL FESTIVAL SCHEDULE & FILM LINE-UP ANNOUNCED FOR FOURTH ANNUAL SANTA BARBARA SURF FILM FESTIVAL (SBSFF) JUNE 7 & 8, 2024

*Stock up on the newest SBSFF gear to get ready for the two-day event,
June 7 & 8, at the historic Lobero Theatre in Santa Barbara, California.*

Santa Barbara, May 23, 2024 – Now in its fourth year, the Santa Barbara Surf Film Festival continues to celebrate surfing history and Santa Barbara’s rich surfing culture, and supports ocean conservation. On June 7 and 8 at the Lobero Theatre, the 2024 festival will showcase two curated short film programs, two World Premiere feature films, a remastered 80s VHS classic, a Grom Program, an Environmental Program, and Q&A sessions. “Apres Surf” VIP Parties with two live bands Friday and Cuica DJ on Saturday night will be open to VIP ticket holders. The family friendly SBSFF Block Party will be found down the street from the Lobero on June 8 and will include yoga & a sound bath, live music, vendors, a fashion show, a wellness Zen Zone, a “Dunk the Surfer” dunk tank, and more! SBSFF supports three ocean-centric non-profits: Heal the Ocean, Surfriider Santa Barbara Chapter and the Surf Happens Foundation.

Kicking off the festivities on Friday, June 7 at 5 PM “Pat Curren and the Meat Pilots” will be playing on the Lobero’s back patio and is open to all Friday ticket holders. A series of mesmerizing short films will start at 6 PM. Audiences can look forward to a tribute to surfing legend **Sunny Garcia**, a short film from South Africa featuring the surfing and musical talents of **Mikey February**, and a poetic, beautiful short film from Scotland.

Following the shorts, SBSFF will proudly present the **Legendary Surfer Award** to 92-year-old surfboard designer **Renny Yater**, whose craftsmanship left an indelible mark on the surfing community. He was one of the first commercial surfboard builders of the 1950s and is best known for his noserider, the Yater Spoon, which he designed and built in Santa Barbara in 1964. Yater also worked as a fisherman for 40 years and founded and served as the first President of the Santa Barbara Surf Club.

To cap off the evening, SBSFF will screen the 80s recently-remastered classic **Wave Warriors**, a Herbie Fletcher Film. The world’s best surfers do battle in the awesome surf on Oahu’s famous North Shore. Starring Wayne “Rabbit” Bartholomew, Tommy Curren, Herbie Fletcher, Marvin Foster, Hans Hedemann, Derek Ho, Michael Ho, Dane Kealoha, Tony Moniz, Martin Potter, Shaun Tomson, **Wave Warriors** puts you front row center for the greatest show on earth. A post-screening Q&A with artist, surfboard shaper, filmmaker and legend **Herbie Fletcher** will offer insights into the making of this film.

The Grom Program kicks off Saturday at 10 AM. The program, which is presented by Surf Happens, also gives underprivileged kids tickets to come see the films and was made possible with a grant from the John C. Mithun Foundation Community Access Fund. The Grom Program will showcase a series of short films and Q&A’s featuring the 2024 Rincon Classic Grom Division surf competition winners, U12 winner Maddox Keet, U14 RC winner Ronin Castorino, U17 Wahines winner Vela Mattive, and U17 Junior Men’s winner Jak Ziets. **Mundaka The Legendary Day**, a short film on a legendary surf day in 2006 when world class surfers and locals shared a magical surf session at the legendary surf spot in Northern Spain, will also screen at the Grom Program.

The SBSFF Matinee Environmental Program will begin at 12 PM. Moderated by KEYT meteorologist, Oxnard school district science teacher and avid surfer Shawn Quien, the program features a panel and short films from three non-profits who support the oceans we surf in: Heal the Ocean, Surfriider Santa Barbara Chapter and The Nature Conservancy. The non-profits will be

tabling in front of the Lobero to offer more information and to raise money for their worthy causes with a raffle and silent auction.

The Saturday evening programming begins with a short film series at 5 PM. The series includes a short from renowned artist and surfer Sean Tully, a film about pro skateboarder Sammy Baptista's rise after his mental health struggles, a Santa Barbara filmmaker's short about women surfers in the 80s, a touching short about female surfers bonding in Australia, and a short about surfboard shaper John "Ike" Eichert.

Following the short film series, SBSFF is proud to present the World Premiere of *The Tyler Warren Experiments* by Mark Jeremias & John Smart. After twelve years of being shelved in a vault, the long-awaited project serves as a historical time-capsule into the genesis of some of today's top surfers and shapers. Shot on location across the globe and drawing inspiration from over 50 years of design innovation, the film takes viewers into the world of artist, craftsman, and surfer Tyler Warren. The film features a star-studded lineup of surfing legends and master craftsmen, including The Campbell Brothers, Manuel Caro, Chris Christenson, Skip Frye, Josh Hall, Devon Howard, Alex Knost, Terry Martin, Dave Rastovich, Joel Tudor, Christian Wach, and more.

Closing out the festival at 8 PM will be the World Premiere of *Some Like it Classic* from Romain Juchereau. The film was shot entirely in beautiful 16 mm color film over a seven-year period, documenting long boarding and early Hotdogging through some of the most influential surfboard evolution designs and some surfing pioneers' history. A tribute to the 1965 surf film *Some Like It Wet*, the film stars Sean Tully, Clovis Donizetti, Lance Carson, Joshua Martin, Randy Rarick, Tyler Warren, JJ Wessels, Jock Sutherland, Oliver Parker, Brian Bent, Beau Young, Matt Chojnacki, Rosie Jaffurs, Keoki Saguibo, John Wade, Mike Black, Romain Quesada amongst others. Experience the vibrant stories, cinematography, and the encompassing energy of the Santa Barbara Surf Film Festival on June 7-8, 2024. Tickets for the festival and the Block Party are available for purchase at: www.santabarbarasurffilmfestival.com

ABOUT SBSFF

For decades Santa Barbara has attracted and cultivated a melange of surf innovators. From board shapers like Renny Yater, Al Merick, Matt Moore, and George Greenough, who have taken shaping to a whole new level, to surfers like Bobby Martinez, Chris Brown, and Tom Curren, whose unique styles have stood the test of time. There is a certain element to "Santa Barbara Surf Culture," which combines tradition with radical innovation, that has played an influential role in the international surf scene for over 50 years. The Santa Barbara Surf Film Festival celebrates this rich surf history and the diverse storytelling styles of filmmakers, artists, shapers, and surfers who started it all.

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The 4th Annual Santa Barbara Surf Film Festival is the ultimate celebration of surf culture and Santa Barbara's rich surf history, combining the love of cinema, ocean conservation, and community. Films screened include shorts, new independent films, documentaries, and international films with in-person dialogue with the filmmakers. Tickets for the festival and the Block Party are available for purchase at: www.santabarbarasurffilmfestival.com