

UCSD to host San Diego International Film Festival Feb. 23-June 4

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The San Diego International Film Festival (SDIFF) will be held Feb. 23 through June 4 at the University of California, San Diego.

Twenty-four exclusive films not to be seen in local theaters will be screened in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Three additional films will make their San Diego premiere at SDIFF. There also will be an evening devoted to short films May 10 and a celebration of animation May 13 showcasing numerous animated features.

In its 15th season, SDIFF will feature films from Spain, Switzerland, Australia, the Netherlands, Hong Kong, China, Mexico, Portugal, Russia, Germany, Italy, Norway, Korea, India, Hungary, Macedonia, and the USA.

The February films include *Twenty Dates* (USA), Feb. 23; *Tango* (Spain), Feb. 24, and *Fire in Paradise* (Switzerland), Feb. 25.

Twenty Dates, directed by Myles Berkowitz, won the 1998 Slamdance International Film Festival Audience Award for Best Feature. *Tango*, written and directed by Carlos Saura, won the Grand Prix, Technical Award, Cinematography, Cannes Film Festival 1999 and the 1999 Goya Award for Best Sound. *Fire in Paradise*, directed by Markus Imhoof, was a 1998 Grand Jury Prize Nominee, Los Angeles International Film Festival.

Films to be screened in March include *The Dress* (Netherlands) and *Dragontown Story* (Hong Kong), March 2; *Spicy Love Soup* (China) and *Tree of Cherries* (Spain), March 8; *The Soong Sisters* (Hong Kong), March 9, and *Divine* (Mexico) and *River of Gold* (Portugal), March 30.

The San Diego International Film Festival is sponsored by UCSD's University Events Office. Ruth Baily is SDIFF's artistic director. General admission passes to all films are \$65 and students, \$35. General admission to each screening is \$6 and \$4 for students. Screening times vary. Parking at UCSD is \$3 on weekday evenings. For information call 534-0497.

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