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**SONOMA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (SIFF) VENUES ANNOUNCED
26th Annual Festival Expands Screening & Events Footprint for March 22-26, 2023**

Sonoma, CA February 3, 2023—For the first time in its 26-year history, all Sonoma International Film Festival's screening venues will deliver state-of-the-art DCP projection for all films on seven screens at four locations during the film festival.

In addition to our flagship Sebastiani Theatre venue on the Square, SIFF will be returning to Prime Cinemas, utilizing four auditoriums, located in the Boyes area of Sonoma. Other venues for film screenings include The Veterans Hall and Andrews Hall at the Sonoma Community Center. The Hanna Center will serve at the festival's culinary hub for its SIFF | Devour! Chefs & Shorts dinner honoring 2022 James Beard Foundation Lifetime Achievement recipient Chef Martin Yan on Thursday, March 23, and for Joanne Weir's Wine Country Cooking luncheon on Saturday, March 25.

"One of our goals is to enhance the festival-goers' experience, as well as that of the selected filmmakers," said SIFF Artistic Director Carl Spence. "The addition of Prime Cinemas, and the enhanced technology commitment at our other venues, means viewers will experience our festival films the way filmmakers intend, while also delivering on other improvements such as comfort and accessibility."

The 26th annual Sonoma International Film Festival is March 22-26, 2023. The complete film schedule and special events will be announced in the coming weeks. Discount festival passes are on sale now at sonomafilmfest.org/buy, as well as individual tickets for the Yan and Weir culinary events at sonomafilmfest.org/festival.

About Sonoma International Film Festival

The Sonoma International Film Festival is a 501(c)3 corporation dedicated to promoting independent film, supporting filmmakers around the world, and inspiring film lovers. Blending a program of international film, food, wine, and fun, SIFF hosts its annual festival each March and year-round events such as SIFF Summerfest and special screenings.

SIFF's signature initiative--the Media Arts Program started at Sonoma Valley High School in 2002--introduces students to the process of storytelling and provides the resources for them to create films. SIFF has granted more than \$725,000 to the program since its inception.

SIFF's Sustaining Sponsors are Delta Air Lines and Manitou Fund. Presenting Sponsors of the 26th annual festival include Cogir Senior Living, among others to be announced in the coming weeks.

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