

EDI Media Successfully Hosted Their 14th Annual Chinese American Film Festival

EDI Media is the organizers of the Chinese American TV Festival and Chinese American Film Festival. The main events include: CATF & CAFF Co-Production Summit and Market, CATF Golden Angel Awards and CAFF Golden Angel Awards and the Showcase Gala.



Los Angeles, Nov 16, 2018 (Issuewire.com) - The 2018 14th Annual Chinese American Film Festival (CAFF) and Chinese American TV Festival (CATF) activities were successfully hosted by EDI Media Inc. The CAFF Golden Angel Award Ceremony and Opening Ceremony was held at the Ricardo Montalban Theater in Hollywood and the CATF Golden Angel Award Ceremony was held at Writer's Guild of America Theatre West (WGAW) in Beverly Hills. This year's festival was a much-anticipated film celebration; participants included thousands of film and TV industry leaders, political figures, celebrities, overseas Chinese community leaders and business elites. The CAFF and CATF schedule included the following events:

- *CATF & CAFF Welcome Dinner*
- *CATF & CAFF Co-Production Summit and Market*
- *CATF Golden Angel Award Ceremony*

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- CATF & CAFF Showcase Gala

- Nationwide Film Screenings

The chairman of CAFF & CATF, President of EDI Media Inc., James Su expressed his thanks to everyone in attendance at the CAFF Golden Angel Award Ceremony. Chairman Su described CAFF and the film and TV industry as, "Not only a platform for cooperation but a chance to contribute and promote the Chinese-American cultural exchange. Good films and television projects are an extension of every culture which is the backbone of a nation". He hopes CAFF and CATF can continue to make contributions to the integration of Chinese and American cultures.

During the CAFF, actress Li Bingbing was honored twice with the Golden Angel Award for "Best Actress" for her role in Warner Bros. "The Meg" and "Chinese American Film Art Exchange and Contribution Award" for her contributions bringing both cultures together through film. Anthony Gonzalez, the voice for Miguel in Disney's Award-winning film "Coco" was honored as the "Best New Actor". Coco was in the top 5 highest grossing U.S. film in China between September 2017-September 2018.

Additional honorees included:

The Best Actor: Chow Yun-Fat "*Project Gutenberg*"

Best Producer: Ellen Eliasoph, President and CEO of Perfect Village Entertainment, and producer for "*Shadow*"

Most Influential Award Kelsey Scott Actress in the Oscar-winning film "*12 Years a Slave*" and Emmy nominated for her role in, "*Fear the Walking Dead*"

Biggest Breakthrough Award Byron Mann, Actor in "*Skyscraper*", "*The Big Short*" and "*Street Fighter*"

Most Popular U.S. Films in China on Behalf of China Film Bureau Avengers: Infinity War, Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom, Ready Player One, Coco, and Mission: Impossible - Fallout

During the CATF Golden Angel Award Ceremony, Jin Dong received the Golden Angel Award for Best Actor for "Mr. Right", Qin Lan received the Golden Angel Award for Best Actress for "Story of Yanxi Palace". Zach McGowan was honored with the Golden Angel Award for "Outstanding U.S. Actor" for his leading roles on Black Sails, The Walking Dead, Shameless, The 100 and Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.

Additional Celebrities in Attendance at CATF and/or CAFF Included:

Michael Levine - Governor of the TV Academy Emmy's Music, Eight-time ASCAP Award-winning Composer **Aiden Turner** Star of Tyler Perry's hit television show 'IF LOVING YOU IS WRONG' **Toni Trucks** Actress in 'The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn', and 'Seal Team' **Hank Chen** Leading actor in upcoming movie, 'Life-Size 2' **Madison Lintz** Leading Actress in The Walking Dead and Bosch **Megan Lawless** Leading actress from, "The Hate U Give" **Nicolas Coster** Emmy Award Winning Actor **Reggie Lee** Actor in "The Fast and the Furious" and "Grimm" **Olivia Rodrigo** Leading actress in Disney's Bizaardvark **Matthew Knowles** Actor in Asura

Pen Densham - Two time Oscar Nominee, Producer and writer **Mike Gabrawy** CCO Arclight Films **Christina Lee Storm** Vice President of Business Operations, Strategy, and Emerging Technology at Dreamworks **David Kornblum** V.P. of Theatrical Sales and Distribution and Global Acquisition at Walt Disney Studios **Niels Swinkels** Executive Vice-President International Distribution at Universal Pictures International Entertainment **Gillian Zhao** Executive Vice President and Managing Director of Warner Bros. China **Claudia Sun** VP Corporate Communications, Warner Bros. **Miranda Bailey** CEO of Cold Iron Pictures **Shane Duffy** CEO of Stan Lee's POW! Entertainment / CEO of Camsing Global Entertainment, North America **Hal Sparks** Actor, musician, and talk show host for Emmy Award-winning show The Soup **Lloyd Kaufman** President of Troma Entertainment and creator of the Toxic Avenger and former Elected chairman of IFTA-Independent Film and TV Alliance **Lloyd Kaufman** **Max Aruj** Wrote additional music on Mission: Impossible - Fallout and on The Crown. Also served as score producer for The Lego Batman Movie and Pacific Rim: Uprising **Jared Faber** Grammy Award-winning and Emmy Award-nominated composer for film & TV **Kevin Kliesch** EMMY® award for Outstanding Achievement in Music Direction and Composition and a Primetime Emmy Award nomination for his work on the Disney Junior series SOFIA THE FIRST **Jonathan Beard** Orchestrator for 'Handmaid's Tale', 'Tomb Raider' and 'Predator' **Michael Uslan** Producer of the Batman films **Bobby Roth** Television and film writer and director. Director on 'Prison Break', 'Hawaii Five-O', 'Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.', and 'Grey's Anatomy' **Arthur Sarkissian** CAFF member, Producer of the 'Rush Hour' series and 'The Foreigner' **Richard Anderson** Academy Award-winning sound engineer, CAFF Committee member **Omar Akram** a Grammy Award Winning recording artist, composer and pianist **Neal Acree** Neal Acree is a BAFTA nominated film, television and video game composer whose work includes the massively popular game franchises World of Warcraft, Overwatch, StarCraft **Joe Kraemer** Award-winning composer, has worked on projects like, 'The Way Of The Gun', "Jack Reacher", and "Mission: Impossible – Rogue Nation"

The festival also held three industry panels during the CATF & CAFF Co-Production Summit and Market. The panels focused on the future and trends of co-production, how to build a successful global franchise, and traditions and innovations in film and television.

The panelist included guests like:

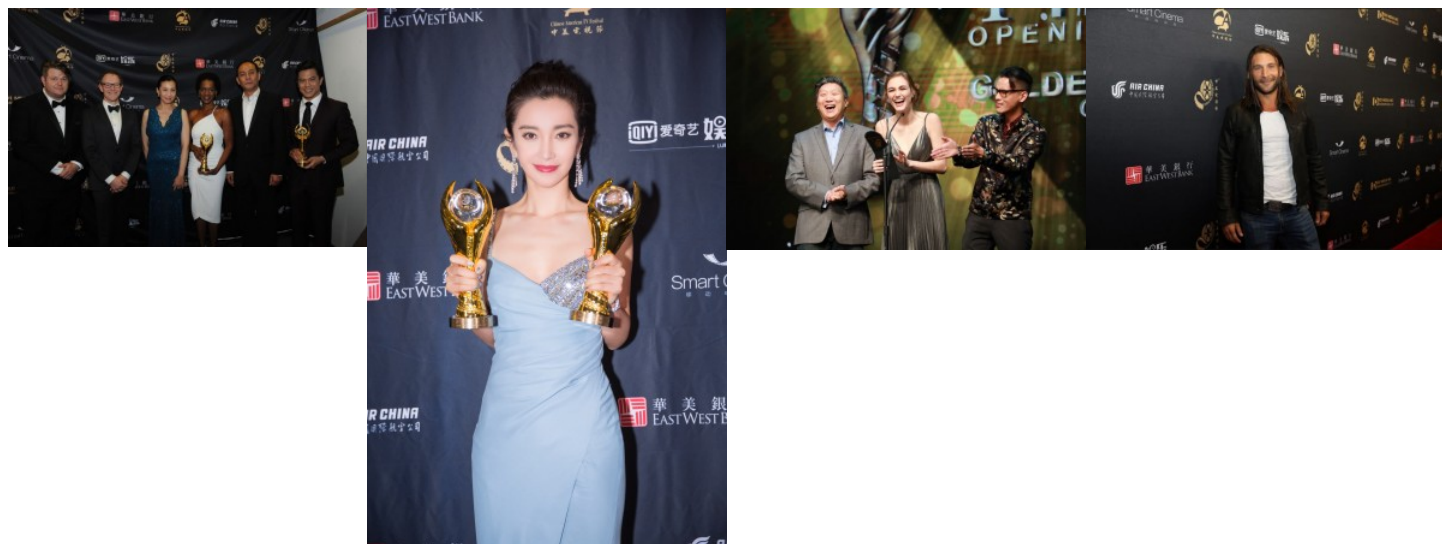
Bill Mechanic, Chairman, and CEO of Pandemonium Films, Co-Chairman of the Chinese American Film Festival, Producer of Academy Award-winning film, Hacksaw Ridge **Carl Rogers**, SVP Of Feature Development and Acquisitions at Alcon Entertainment, Co-Producer on the two-time Oscar-winning film "Blade Runner 2049" **Randy Greenberg**, Executive Producer of The Meg, Owner/President of The Greenberg Group **John Penotti**, Producer of Crazy Rich Asians and Hell or High Water, President of SK Global **Jack Q. Gao**, Founding Partner and CEO of Beijing Times Digiwork Films Technology Co., Ltd; Co-founder of "Smart Cinema" **Adele Lim**, Writer of Crazy Rich Asians **Bob Sabouni**, CMO of Stan Lee's POW! Entertainment **Devin Mann**, Former Partner and Co-Head of Productions at WME for 13 years, CEO and President of Iconic Talent Management **Rita Hsiao**, Writer of Mulan and Toy Story 2 **Milton Liu**, Co-Founder of Kulture Machine, writer and producer **Bobby Roth**, Director on Prison Break, Lost, Grey's Anatomy and more Hollywood Film and TV Programs **David Alpert**, Executive Producer of The Walking Dead, Fear the Walking Dead and Partner/CEO of Skybound Entertainment **Jason E. Squire**, Professor at USC Film and TV at USC School of Cinematic Arts, Editor of The Movie Business Book **Siuming Tsui** (???) President of the Hong Kong Television Professionals Association **Wang Hui**, Vice President of the China Television Drama Production Association Industry Association, President of Datang Brilliant Media Co., Ltd **Wang Liping** (????): Vice President of The China TV Arts Association, Scriptwriter of The Time We Had, Good Time. **Stanley Tong** (????), Producer, Director, and Chairman of the Board of China Film International Media Co. Ltd

The CATF and CAFF events concluded with the Showcase Gala that was co-organized by The Consul General from the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Los Angeles and EDI Media.

Chinese American Film Festival film and TV Showcase provides a platform for film and TV companies with international project financing, co-production exchange, and cooperation, which further strengthen the interaction and trust between China and U.S. At the same time, excellent Chinese film and television work will be introduced to the American audience.

Chairman of CAFF&CATF, James Su and Vice President of China Film Co. Ltd., Ren Yue unveiled the "China film Cinema", launched by China film co., Ltd., under ICitiTV of EDI media Inc. They set up a long-term fixed time program, "China film Cinema ", to spread Chinese stories to the world through universal language, which has a profound significance.

Cultural counselor, Gu Jin, Cultural counselor, Wang Jin, U.S. Congresswoman, Grace Napolitano, Chairman of CAFF and CATF, and the president of EDI Media Inc. James Su, Chair, International Committee, Producers Guild of America, Elizabeth Dell, Vice President of China Film Co. Ltd. Ren Yue, Chairman of The China Television Drama Production Association, National A-list director, You Xiaogang, Renowned director, Siu Ming Tsui, Producers Guild of America (PGA), Writers Guild of America West (WGAW), Warner Bros, MGM, Lionsgate had representatives or members attend and the film and TV industry leaders from Hong Kong and Taiwan were all in attendance to show support for this event and or to have a representative present their projects in hopes of more co-production opportunities.



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