

LA Harbor International Film Festival (LAHIFF)

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To create a cinematic bridge between the people of the region and the people of the world

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MEDIA ALERT

Employees Community Fund of Boeing Bestows Grant For LAHIFF

October 26, 2016 – The Board of Directors of the Employees Community Fund of Boeing California (ECF) has chosen to provide a grant to the LA Harbor International Film Festival (LAHIFF).

As stated in a letter to festival director Stephanie Mardesich, “We are happy to provide support on behalf of our employee contributors and we sincerely hope our gift will be helpful in carrying forward the fine services and programs of the LAHIFF.”

As a 501c3 non-profit organization founded in 2003 the LAHIFF is eligible for consideration by the ECF, an employee-owned and operated nonprofit organization, that provides grants to qualified non-profits with contributions by Boeing employees made through payroll deductions to support charitable organizations in areas where contributors live and work. The ECF is a unique employee giving program that allows employees to support the needs of their local communities through tax-deductible recurring payroll deductions or one-time gifts. The Boeing Company provides administrative and system support as an in-kind donation. The ECF pledge to its members is that 100% of the dollars contributed will be returned to the areas where contributors live and work. More than 250 nonprofit organizations benefit each year from the average \$1.5 million in employee contributions each year.

The LA Harbor International Film Festival (LAHIFF), founded in 2003, is held annually with occasional special programs throughout the year often partnering with other community oriented non-profit organizations. A non-juried, non-competitive film festival LAHIFF aims to entertain, enlighten and educate the cinematic audience by showcasing film and video that reflects the harbor and all that it embraces – shipping and commerce, fishing, sailing, water sports, sea life and the area’s rich ethnic and cultural influences; and to promote literacy and a more thoughtful way to view a film through the education outreach program “Read the Book, See the Movie” – *to create a cinematic bridge between the people of the region and the people of the world.*”

States Mardesich, “The LAHIFF is grateful for the support of the ECF for the fourth year. We are able to continue with our excellent programs thanks to fiscal and in-kind sponsorship. Being a sponsor of the LAHIFF demonstrates a sense of community awareness and support of the essential mission. Partnerships between business and individuals in supporting cultural events is fundamental to perpetuate the humanity, creativity, and traits we value as citizens, and its significance can never be underestimated.”

The 14th annual LAHIFF is on calendar for March 16-19,2017. Program will be formally announced at the Seafarin’ Reception and Press Launch February 17, 2017. For more see festival website at www.laharborfilmfest.com

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