

Santa Barbara Surf Film Festival Opening Night Lineup

Friday, June 7, 2024

5pm - Pre-Party with Live Music in the Courtyard

Open to all Friday ticket holders (limited capacity)

5:30pm Doors Open

6pm Short Film Program

Death & Taxes

The Life and Times of Sunny Garcia

Director and Co-Producer: Michael Oblowitz, Co-Producer Doug Kaplan

Synopsis: Sunny Garcia was one of the most successful competitive surfers of his generation. In his prime, he was the highest-earning professional surfer of all time. Born and bred in the 1970's and 80's ghetto of Waianae, he was mentally tortured by the demons of a tough childhood and ultimately the racial and cultural discrimination of being the first indigenous Hawaiian of color to win a world title.

Running Time: 11 minutes

Instrument

Director: Michael February, and co-directed by Tao Farren-Hefer

Synopsis: Instrument explores the surprising parallels between the worlds of surfing and music. Surfer Michael February, and jazz trumpeter Keegan Steenkamp, embark on a vibrant journey, inspiring and reflecting each other's crafts. From coastlines to jazz clubs, they find unexpected harmony as they delve into their shared language of tempo, resonance, and spontaneity. In a heartfelt exchange that transcends collaboration, each becomes teacher and student to the other. Together, they discover unexpected synergies in their crafts - revealing the universal language of creativity and connection.

Running Time: 10 minutes 2 seconds

[So, Bonnie Land](#)

Director: Thomas Horig

Synopsis: So, Bonnie Land, a love letter to the frozen north, is an ode to the lesser-known surfing and waves of Scotland - a wild and beautiful place, and the folk who make it so. Cinematographer, Thomas Horig, filmed the project over 3 years while living in the Scottish Highlands. Far from warm waters and classic surf scenes he found a small, thriving community of dedicated cold-water warriors amongst some stunning waves and imposing coastline.

Running time: 3 minutes 3 seconds

6:30pm Legendary Surfer Awards Ceremony and Q&A

7pm Intermission

7:30pm Feature Film

[Wave Warriors](#)

A Herbie Fletcher Film

Synopsis: Wave Warriors puts you front row center for the greatest show on earth. The world's best surfers do battle in the awesome surf on Oahu's famous North Shore. Gigantic Sunset and huge Pipeline melt under the Wave Warrior's blistering attack.

Explosive action from today's hottest stars! Witness Martin Potter's aerial assault at Backdoor. See Triple Crown winner Derek Ho demolish the Pipeline. Radical Jet Ski action at Maalaea, Barrel rolls at Pipeline, and Aerial 360's. Double mast high, Maui. These are the Wave Warriors... This is the movie! An Astro Boys Film

Starring: Wayne "Rabbit" Bartholomew, Tommy Curren, Herbie Fletcher, Marvin Foster, Hans Hedemann, Derek Ho, Michael Ho, Dane Kealoha, Tony Moniz, Martin Potter, Shaun Tomson

Running Time: 41 minutes

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