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**CATALINA FILM FESTIVAL KICKS OFF 2016 WITH 90 FILMS,  
FILM & NEW MEDIA SUMMIT, AND ATTENDEES INCLUDING JAIME KING,  
CATALINA SANDINO MORENO**

*Jake Busey, Alex Beh, Kelli Garner Also Attending*

LOS ANGELES (September 29, 2016) — Catalina Film Festival (CFF) rolled out the red carpet for the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Fest as it takes over the famed Catalina Island through Oct. 2. CFF is a competitive festival and film market where guests experience the West Coast's only resort island while enjoying upwards of 90 films, the annual Film and New Media Summit, and exclusive events.

Actress **Jaime King** (*Sin City, Pearl Harbor, The Pardon*) will be presented with the Avalon Award honoring an actor who's unafraid to enter Hollywood's uncharted waters while taking risks with their career.

Academy Award™ nominee **Catalina Sandino Moreno** (*Maria Full of Grace, American Gothic*) will also be in attendance Saturday for the California premiere of *Custody* at the iconic Avalon Theatre.

**Sharon Stone**, past recipient of Catalina Film Festival's Stanley Kramer Social Artist Award, will bring the West Coast premiere of her new holocaust documentary, *An Undeniable Voice*.

Actors **Jake Busey** and **Alex Beh** will be on-hand for the screening of *Swing State*, as will the cast and crew of *Beneficiary*, including **Patrick Fischler** and **Fiona Dourif**. While Catalina Island celebrates one of its own – Marilyn Monroe would have been 90 this year -- **Kelli Garner**, who recently channeled Marilyn for *The Secret Life of Marilyn Monroe*, will be in attendance with her film, *Americana*.

Recent honorees include **Nicolas Cage, William H. Macy, Andy Garcia, Mena Suvari, Kate Bosworth, Jon Favreau, Patricia Arquette, F. Gary Gray**, and **Stan Lee**, to name a few. For the full listing of films, special events, and attending talent, visit [www.CatalinaFilm.org](http://www.CatalinaFilm.org).

**About Catalina Film Festival**

Catalina Film Festival is an annual celebration of film on the only West Coast resort island. From Charlie Chaplin to Marilyn Monroe, celebrities and filmmakers have flocked to Catalina for inspiration. Clear blue water and coastal breezes provide the perfect backdrop for discovering everything the island has to offer, 26 miles off the coast of Los Angeles. Supported by Catalina Island Chamber of Commerce, CFF benefits the Catalina Island Conservatory. Sponsors include Mercedes Benz, Island Express Helicopter Service, ALS Limo and Car Service, Catalina Express, Fill R Up Gastro Garage, and The Cafaro Group. Visit [www.CatalinaFilm.org](http://www.CatalinaFilm.org) and [Facebook.com/CatalinaFilm](https://www.facebook.com/CatalinaFilm).