

Santa Clarita International Film Festival Welcomes Renowned Drummer Pat Gesualdo to Board of Directors

LOS ANGELES, UNITED STATES, October 30, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The <u>Santa Clarita International Film Festival</u> (SCIFF) is delighted to announce the esteemed addition of Pat Gesualdo to its Board of Directors. Renowned Drummer, Author, and Clinician Gesualdo has made significant strides in the fields of medical therapy,



education, and drumming, earning international recognition for his innovative "Healing Art of Drum Therapy" techniques.

"Bringing on Pat was a strategic move as he runs the Metal Hall of Fame, and we are trying to tie in with his efforts and contacts to build out our music festival," informs SCIFF.

Gesualdo's pioneering approach to drum therapy has transformed lives and impacted the global community. In 2004, with the support of New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg and the New Jersey Department of Education Commissioner, Gesualdo founded the non-profit organization D.A.D. (Drums and Disabilities) as a special education program. This initiative marked a historic moment, blending the realms of healthcare, education, and artistry.

The D.A.D. program gained widespread attention and support from notable entities such as WWE Superstars, New York City School Officials, and the New York Giants. Together, they collaborated to launch the program at the Meadowlands Izod Arena during a televised WWE Raw Show and WrestleMania event. This groundbreaking endeavor showcased the power of collaboration and innovation, reinforcing the importance of inclusivity and creativity in our society.

Gesualdo's multifaceted talents, ranging from his proficiency as a drummer to his roles as an author and clinician, make him a valuable asset to the Santa Clarita International Film Festival. His passion for leveraging the arts as a tool for healing and education resonates deeply with the festival's core values. The Santa Clarita International Film Festival continues to be a leading platform for filmmakers and creatives from around the world, fostering an environment that celebrates artistic excellence and cultural diversity. With Pat Gesualdo joining the Board of Directors, the festival anticipates new horizons of innovation and collaboration, further enriching the festival experience for attendees and participants alike.

The Santa Clarita International Film Festival is a prominent event in the world of cinema, showcasing outstanding independent films, documentaries, and creative works from diverse storytellers. The festival aims to promote artistic expression, cultural understanding, and global collaboration through the medium of film. With a commitment to supporting emerging talents and celebrating cinematic excellence, the Santa Clarita International Film Festival provides a unique platform for filmmakers and audiences to connect and engage in meaningful conversations.

"While film is our anchor, we also have music, comedy, food, visual arts, and panels as part of our festival. It is an immersive destination experience in and around Main Street in Downtown Newhall (Santa Clarita). Visitors can park their cars, participate in various activities, and stop at local restaurants and breweries." explains SCIFF.

For more information about the Santa Clarita International Film Festival and its upcoming events, click here: <u>SCIFF.org</u>

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