

Countdown to DigiFest® Temecula 2026

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- The countdown to [DigiFest®](#)'s 10th anniversary has begun! The excitement is building as the nonprofit [JDS Creative Academy](#) team is hard at work, transforming [JDS Studio](#) into a fully immersive festival environment celebrating 10 years of digital evolution. The #JDSFAMILY is excited to share this year's festival submissions with the public. DigiFest® has set a new record in 2026, with over 160 digital content submissions. Tickets are selling fast for this 100-seat limited engagement event, and JDSCA is encouraging the community to secure their tickets now before the remaining tickets are sold.

DigiFest® Temecula is more than just a film festival and competition. Alongside the award ceremonies and screenings, attendees will experience three full days of celebrity & industry speakers, expert-led panels, live music performances, media & red carpet moments, interactive digital exhibits, dynamic networking opportunities, delicious food, libations, art, local culture, and so much more that make this a unique event unlike anything else. It provides proximity to experts from the entertainment, business, and music industries that many pay thousands of dollars to hear from, let alone speak directly with. It's a place to make unexpected connections that can open doors to a brighter future.

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Diane Strand, Founder of DigiFest

Speakers this year (not inclusive):

Wendee Lee – Director, writer, and voice actress with over 600 accredited roles, including Cowboy Bebop's Faye Valentine, Kei in Akira, Bulma in Dragonball, TK from the Digimon series and films, and Sailor Moon's Queen Serenity. She also adapted the first episode of the acclaimed series Cyberpunk: Edgerunners

Laura Summer - Voice actress best known for Janine Melnitz on The Real Ghostbusters and Patamon from the

10 YEARS OF DIGITAL EVOLUTION
Digital Media Festival & Competition

DigiFest®
Temecula, CA
April 24, 25, 26, 2026

Speakers and Performers:

- KEM WALSH PHILLIPS** (Avatar) - PRODUCER, DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY, PROFESSIONAL EDITOR
- JUSTIN GUARINI** (The Mandalorian) - NATIONAL TALENT, SENIOR COORDINATOR
- ARATZ GARG** (The Spectator) - CO-LEADER OF THE SPECTATOR, SENIOR COORDINATOR
- SUBODH GARG** (The Spectator) - CO-LEADER OF THE SPECTATOR, SENIOR COORDINATOR
- LAURA SUMMER** (Digimon) - VOICE ACTRESS, BEST KNOWN FOR JANINE MELNITZ ON THE REAL GHOSTBUSTERS AND PATAMON FROM THE DIGIMON SERIES
- WENDEE LEE** (Cyberpunk: Edgerunners) - DIRECTOR, WRITER, AND VOICE ACTRESS WITH OVER 600 ACCREDITED ROLES, INCLUDING COWBOY BEBOP'S FAYE VALENTINE, KEI IN AKIRA, BULMA IN DRAGONBALL, TK FROM THE DIGIMON SERIES AND FILMS, AND SAILOR MOON'S QUEEN SERENITY. SHE ALSO ADAPTED THE FIRST EPISODE OF THE ACCLAIMED SERIES CYBERPUNK: EDGERUNNERS
- ROB HUTNER** (The Mandalorian) - EXECUTIVE PRODUCER
- SAMUEL LARSEN** (The Mandalorian) - EXECUTIVE PRODUCER
- BILL WALSH** (The Mandalorian) - EXECUTIVE PRODUCER
- CURTIS YOUNG** (The Mandalorian) - EXECUTIVE PRODUCER
- COLIN EGGSFIELD** (The Mandalorian) - EXECUTIVE PRODUCER
- MARLENE SHARP** (The Mandalorian) - EXECUTIVE PRODUCER

ALSO FEATURING:

- JUDITH UTTAL (JUDITH OF THE ENTERTAINMENT)
- PRYDE PIERCE (REINTEGRATED)
- KERRON ANDREWS (DIRECTOR, WRITER AND EXECUTIVE PRODUCER)
- JOSEPH RUSSO (DIRECTOR, WRITER AND EXECUTIVE PRODUCER AND WRITER)
- TIMOTHY BAUCH (ARTIST, WRITER AND EXECUTIVE PRODUCER AND PRODUCER)
- KARI MICHAELSON (ARTIST, WRITER AND EXECUTIVE PRODUCER AND PRODUCER)
- DR. JUDY WALSH (COLE & SUE OF THE THORNS HEALTH)
- JOHN WILLIAMS (COLE & SUE OF THE THORNS HEALTH)
- BRYAN GIARDINELLI (PHOTOGRAPHER, VIDEOGRAPHER AND CREATIVE DIRECTOR)
- DAVIN LINDWALL (PHOTOGRAPHER AND PRODUCER)
- MARIO ORTIZ (PHOTOGRAPHER AND PRODUCER)
- DANIELLA BURNETT (BEST KNOWN FOR HER ROLE AS HEREDIA STRAIGHT)
- DAVID FAGAN (WRITER AND EXECUTIVE PRODUCER)
- JUSTINE REISS (WRITER AND EXECUTIVE PRODUCER)
- YITZI WEINER (PHOTOGRAPHER AND PRODUCER)
- E. HUGHES MARTINEZ (PHOTOGRAPHER AND PRODUCER)
- CATHERINE CURRY WILLIAMS (PHOTOGRAPHER AND PRODUCER)

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW! (LIMITED SEATING)

Find Out More About Our Speakers and Panels at digi festtemecula.org | [@digi festtemecula](https://twitter.com/digi festtemecula) | [#JDSFamily](https://facebook.com/digi festtemecula)

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Abbott, HighLevel, AT&T, Temecula Film Commission, Pecharnga Resort Casino, Starway, Franch, Cave, and others.

Digimon series and films

Colin Egglesfield – Actor from Backtrace, Something Borrowed, Melrose Place, and one of People Magazine’s “Sexiest Men Alive”

Curtis Young – Rapper, Performer, Entrepreneur, Dr. Dre’s firstborn heir.

Justin Guarini – Broadway Actor who played Fiyero in Wicked and Prince Charming in Once Upon a One More Time, as well as a finalist from Season 1 of American Idol

Sam Larsen – Actor and musician known for Glee

Kim Walsh Phillips – Business and marketing strategist to Hollywood celebrities

Rob Kutner – Emmy-winning writer from The Daily Show

Aarti and Subodh Garg - Stars from the Netflix series Love on the Spectrum and autism advocates

Bill Walsh - Global Entrepreneur and Icon speaker from PowerTeam International



DigiFest® takes place April 24, 25, 26, 2026, 10AM - 10PM. Time is quickly running out, so act now to make sure you’re part of the action!! For many, DigiFest® Temecula is where collaborations begin, ideas take shape, and creative careers gain momentum. With demand exceeding expectations, this year’s event is expected to reach capacity ahead of opening day. Don’t miss your chance to be a part of this landmark celebration of connection, creativity, and opportunities.

Event Details:

DigiFest® Temecula 2026

April 24-26, 2026

JDS Creative Academy | JDS Studio
28069 Diaz Rd. Temecula, CA 92590

Limited tickets remain.

Secure your place before tickets are gone:

<https://digifesttemecula.org/landing>

About DigiFest®: JDS Creative Academy, a 501(c)3 nonprofit dedicated to advancing education, inclusion, and workforce development through the arts, hosts DigiFest® Temecula. Founded by Diane Strand in 2017, DigiFest® Temecula has grown into a vibrant, inclusive festival that brings together students, emerging talent, and professionals from around the world. The festival celebrates all forms of digital media and the creative arts, where ideas meet innovation and imagination turns into opportunity.

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