VH2 CEO Daryll Triplett Heads to Hollywood for U.S.–Japan Film Partnership

VH2 and Aurora will unveil a cross-market content partnership at the Global Film Fest in Hollywood on October 3, 2026.



New VH2 Japanese Logo

HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, GA, UNITED STATES, September 16, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- VH2 Networks CEO Daryll Triplett will travel to Hollywood on October 3, 2026, for the Global Film Fest at the world-famous TCL Chinese Theatre—an appearance that VH2 executives say represents a major step in the company's international expansion.

Metro News Pool spoke with members of the VH2 leadership team about Triplett's upcoming Hollywood appearance and the company's newly announced strategic partnership with Tokyo-based Aurora Borealis Entertainment Corporation.

The partnership will create a cross-market entertainment platform designed to introduce American audiences to premium Japanese films while developing new opportunities for American content to reach audiences in Japan.

At the center of the festival presentation will be Aurora's completed feature film, "Mysterious Pond," directed by Gudni Gudnason and starring Natsuki Kunimoto, Lee Murayama, Sho Ikushima, and Masaya Kato.

The film follows a lonely Japanese woman who reconnects with traditional Japanese culture while searching for renewed meaning and purpose in her life.

“This is about building a lasting bridge between two powerful entertainment cultures,” Triplett told Metro News Pool. “Japan has an extraordinary history of storytelling, and VH2 wants to introduce more of those distinctive stories to American audiences. At the same time, we want to create meaningful opportunities for independent American filmmakers and creators to reach audiences in Japan.”


Daryll Triplett, VH2 CEO

The partnership combines Aurora’s film archives, bilingual production experience, and development capabilities with VH2 Television’s streaming platform, distribution strategy, and growing international audience.

Triplett said the collaboration directly supports VH2’s mission of creating a global home for professionally produced independent entertainment.

> We are building a lasting bridge between Japanese and American film cultures while creating meaningful global opportunities for independent filmmakers.”
>
> *Mike Markwell, Executive Director of Programming*

“Great stories should not be limited by geography,” Triplett said. “VH2 gives creators an opportunity to be seen, heard, and distributed beyond their immediate markets. This partnership with Aurora brings that vision to life internationally.”

The Global Film Fest also carries a personal and professional connection for Mike Markwell, VH2’s newly appointed Executive Director of Programming and Distribution.

Several years ago, Markwell attended the festival when Aurora presented “Undaunted: The Story of Jane Aiko Yamano” at the TCL Chinese Theatre. The event featured a first-class red-carpet experience and hundreds of Japanese students parading along Hollywood Boulevard in ceremonial kimonos.

“I have personally witnessed the level of excellence, culture, and international excitement Aurora can bring to Hollywood,” Markwell told Metro News Pool. “To be part of this festival through

VH2's official partnership, with Daryll Triplett representing our company in Hollywood, is truly a full-circle moment."

Markwell will help guide the selection, presentation, and distribution of films and other programming licensed or developed through the partnership.



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"Our responsibility is to make sure these films are not simply placed on a platform and forgotten," Markwell said. "We want to properly present them, promote them, and help audiences understand the culture and meaning behind each story."

VH2 is planning a visible presence at the October 3 festival, including a branded step-and-repeat installation that will introduce filmmakers, entertainment professionals, members of the media, and festival attendees to the VH2 brand.

The company also plans to develop a dedicated Japanese programming section on VH2 Television, creating a recognizable destination for Japanese films, television programs, documentaries, and culturally significant content.

Aurora is developing additional streamable programming and a promotional sizzle reel expected to feature several major stars. Those projects could become part of a growing content pipeline between the two companies.

"We are building something designed to last," Triplett said. "This is the beginning of an ongoing relationship that can connect filmmakers, producers, distributors, and audiences in both countries."

VH2 Networks is the parent entertainment company behind VH2 Television, a streaming platform created to provide independent filmmakers, producers, and content creators with greater access to professional distribution.

Triplett's appearance at the TCL Chinese Theatre will introduce VH2 to an international entertainment audience at one of Hollywood's most recognizable venues.

"We are walking into Hollywood representing independent creators who deserve a seat at the table," Triplett said. "VH2 is here to build relationships, open doors, and show the entertainment industry that independent companies can create meaningful global partnerships."

The Global Film Fest will take place on October 3, 2026, at the TCL Chinese Theatre on Hollywood

Boulevard.

About VH2

VH2 Networks is an entertainment and media company focused on connecting audiences with distinctive, professionally produced content from independent creators and global markets. Its streaming platform, VH2 Television, distributes films, television programs, podcasts, live events, and original programming across multiple viewing platforms.

About Aurora

Aurora Borealis Entertainment Corporation is an international television, content, and film production company based in Tokyo, Japan. Aurora produces bilingual English- and Japanese-language programming for broadcast networks, cable channels, and streaming platforms.

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