

**SBIFF**

The  
**KIRK DOUGLAS**  
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FOR  
**EXCELLENCE**  
**IN FILM**

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*honoring*

**Cynthia Erivo**

*December 4, 2025*

A BLACK TIE FUNDRAISER



# The Kirk Douglas Award for Excellence in Film

The Kirk Douglas Award for Excellence in Film is one of Santa Barbara's most unique and exciting events, and serves as **the annual fundraiser for SBIFF's ever growing year-round Educational Programs.**

The gala was created in partnership with film legend Kirk Douglas, to celebrate and honor some of cinema's most unforgettable contributors.

**The 18th annual Kirk Douglas Award will honor Cynthia Erivo for her career on stage and screen on December 4th, 2025 at the Ritz-Carlton Bacara Resort.**

We invite you to join us this black-tie affair to celebrate Cynthia's tremendous career over cocktails and an exquisite three-course gourmet dinner.

During the dinner, **special celebrity guests will introduce video highlights of the honoree's work and share stories of their experience working together.** At the end of the evening, the honoree is welcomed to the stage for final remarks and to accept the award.

Sponsorship benefits include:

- **Access for 10 guests to the cocktail reception and dinner award ceremony**
- **Inclusion as sponsor on-screen at event**
- **Acknowledgment in gala tribute journal**
- **Passes to SBIFF 2026**





# Red Carpet Cocktail Reception

As sponsor, your group of guests will enjoy the cocktail reception and specialty beverages as celebrity guests arrive and walk the red carpet.





# Gourmet Dinner

You will receive a table for 10 guests to enjoy an exquisite three-course dinner during the ceremony.



# Award Ceremony

During the dinner, guests will be treated to clips highlighting Cynthia Erivo's career and hear from special guests.





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## Special Guest Presenters

Celebrity guests attend to celebrate the honoree and toast to the evening with remarks about their experience working together.





Special guest of the gala have included Kristen Wiig, Steve Carrell, Greta Gerwig, Leonardo DiCaprio, Bradley Cooper, Don Cheadle, Elizabeth Banks, Danny DeVito, Jeff Bridges, Angela Basset, John Favreau, and Annette Bening amongst others.

A woman with blonde hair, wearing a red and black sequined dress, is speaking at a podium. She has her hands raised in a gesture. The podium features a sign for the Santa Barbara International Film Festival. The background is dark with a large, faint image of a person's face on the left.

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# On-Screen Recognition

As sponsor, your name will be included on-screen inside the ballroom during the dinner and awards ceremony.

# Tribute Journal

As sponsor, your name will be included in the printed Tribute Journal placed at each seat at the dinner and awards ceremony.



# Sponsorship Levels & Benefits

## *Spartacus Circle* - \$50,000 (\$41,000 tax deductible)

- TOP Access to ALL SBIFF events throughout the year including the Santa Barbara International Film Festival, Riviera Theatre, Film Center and Cinema Society
- Producer level benefits for The Kirk Douglas Award

## *Producer* - \$30,000 (\$23,700 tax deductible)

- Prime table for ten
- Red carpet cocktail reception for all guests
- Acknowledgment in the tribute journal
- Two Concierge Passes to SBIFF (\$12,000 value)

## *Director* - \$20,000 (\$14,500 tax deductible)

- Preferred table for ten
- Red carpet cocktail reception for all guests
- Acknowledgment in the tribute journal
- Two Platinum Passes to SBIFF (\$5,200 value)

## *Star* - \$12,500 (\$10,000 tax deductible)

- Table for ten
- Red carpet cocktail reception for all guests
- Acknowledgment in the tribute journal

## *Individual Ticket* - \$1,250 (\$1,000 tax deductible)

A portion of your purchase is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.  
SBIFF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit arts and educational organization.

# EDUCATION IS AT THE HEART OF OUR MISSION

Film has the unique ability to both entertain and educate. The visual component of cinema allows individuals to connect with complicated subject matters in a uniquely impactful, making it the most influential medium to make a difference and inspire change. At SBIFF, we are dedicated to providing programs that help create and sustain healthy communities. We are committed to making a positive impact through the power of film.

## **SBIFF's Educational Programs include:**

10-10-10 Mentorship and Competition

After School Cinema

AppleBox Free Family Films

Film Camp

Film Studies Program

Framing Our Narrative

Mike's FieldTrip to the Movies

Moving Pictures

Rosebud Program

SBIFF's Filmmaker Fund

Santa Barbara Filmmaker Series

Silver Screenings

*Please consider making a donation even if you cannot attend.  
Our work is not possible without the support of our donors and sponsors like you.*

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# THANK YOU!

A man in a dark suit and tie is laughing heartily and clapping his hands. He is seated at a table with glasses and plates. In the foreground, the back of a woman's head and shoulders is visible, also clapping. The background is a dimly lit restaurant or event space with other people seated at tables.

On behalf of all of us at SBIFF, thank you for your interest in supporting the Kirk Douglas Award for Excellence in Film and SBIFF's Education Programs.

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