THE ASIAN WORLD FILM FESTIVAL
(9th ANNIVERSARY, NOVEMBER 8 - 17, 2023)

The Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month is, unfortunately, coming to a close. However, 2023 is by no means over, with the spotlight continuing to shine on Asian and Asian American Cinema, whether it be at the Oscars, Golden Globes, Berlin, Cannes, or any other major film event, and to celebrate the ending of AAPI Heritage Month, on June 6 the Asian World Film Festival (AWFF) is delighted to be screening Justin Chon’s new musical/drama Jamojaya.

As always, AWFF has been proud to celebrate, congratulate and honor Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, which pays tribute to the generations of Asian and Pacific Islanders who have enriched America’s history and culture and are instrumental to its future success.

AWFF is committed to bringing the very best of Asian World Cinema to Los Angeles and strengthening ties between the American and Asian film industries. For the past nine years the Festival has fully supported Asian films, filmmakers, talent, and creative and technical artists, screening and promoting recent Asian blockbusters, for example, the groundbreaking, multi-Oscar-winning Parasite, beloved classics such as The Joy Luck Club and Flower Drum Song, and a number of retrospective programs, including the 30th anniversary screening of Oliver Stone’s highly acclaimed Vietnamese war drama Heaven and Earth.

Each year the Festival honors a number of Asians within the entertainment industry who have achieved excellence within their field. Past honorees have included multi-award-winning filmmaker Park Chan-wook (Oldboy, Decision to Leave), multi-award-winning cinematographer Murat Aliyev (Stranger) and renowned artist and animator Tyrus Wong (Bambi), as well as a host of legendary actors, including Lisa Lu (The Last Emperor), Kieu Chinh (Legends of the Fall), James Hong (Everything Everywhere All At Once, Chinatown), France Nuyen (South Pacific), Nancy Kwan (Flower Drum Song, Dragon: The Bruce Lee Story), Hiroyuki Sanada (The Last Samurai, John Wick Chapter 4), Justin Chon (Twilight, Blue Bayou), Awkwafina (Crazy Rich Asians, The Farewell), Shoreh Aghdashloo (The Expanse, 24), Tzi Ma (Rush Hour, Arrival), Tiffany Chu (Ms. Purple), Turkan Soray, one of Turkey’s biggest female stars, Sareum Srey Moch (First They Killed my Father, directed by Angelina Jolie), Andy Cheng (Rush Hour, Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings) and Daniel Wu (Tomb Raider, American Born Chinese).

In addition, AWFF has honored individuals who have committed, through their companies, to supporting Asian productions and the use of Asian cast members, such as multi-Oscar-winning producer Al Ruddy (The Godfather, Million Dollar Baby) whose company, the Ruddy Morgan Organization, produced Walker Texas Ranger and the Martial Law TV series.
AWFF has also introduced a new, innovative program, "Tomorrow's Filmmakers", which aims to identify, promote, support and mentor upcoming talented Asian and Asian American filmmakers from across the continents.

To continue fulfilling our Mission we started last year a series of Monthly Screenings We are the only Festival that implemented such an Event!

The Festival is partnered with many leading American and Asian organizations, including the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, Stars Collective, the Bruce Lee Foundation, the Korean Cultural Center, the Coalition of Asian Pacifics in Entertainment CAPE (USA), Asia Society Southern California, Taiwan Academy and the Taiwan Ministry of Culture, and is constantly looking for new opportunities to embrace and celebrate diversity and inclusion throughout the worldwide film industry.

We very much look forward to welcoming you at our 9th edition which will take place in Culver City from November 8 - 17, 2023.

We aspire to make a difference!