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Local Legislators and Hollywood Heavyweights Join Forces for 2019 Seattle Film Summit

August 19, 2019 (SEATTLE) – [Seattle Film Summit](#), an organization empowering film industry professionals and independent content creators in shaping a new, socially responsible film climate for the Pacific Northwest, recently received a major signal boost for its 2019 event with the announcement of several major industry partnerships and grants designed to help strengthen the Pacific Northwest’s creative ecosystem.

King County Executive Dow Constantine will open this year’s Summit – taking place November 16-17 at the Hyatt Regency-Lake Washington, 1053 Lake Washington Blvd. N. – with an announcement of a new initiative designed to help content creators living and working in Seattle/King County.

In addition to Constantine, Washington State Senators Bob Hasegawa (D-11th) and Lisa Wellman (D-41st) will be on hand to discuss their plans to help establish Seattle as the premier filmmaking hub of the Pacific Northwest.

New partnerships with the Seattle Office of Film & Music, the Washington State Arts Commission, and the Spokane Film Project will also be announced during the sixth annual Summit.

SFS will also announce grants received from both the City of Renton and 4Culture, during the opening ceremony.

Representatives from several major Hollywood studios – including Pablo Hidalgo, Creative Executive and member of Lucasfilm Story Group; Gary Glushon, Executive Vice President, F. Gary Gray’s Fenix Studios; and Christopher Lockhart, writer, producer, and Story Editor at WME – will serve as panelists and presenters, during the weekend-long event.

Rounding out the roster of attendees are executives from Disney, Will Smith’s Overbrook Entertainment, CAA, and Gersh.

SXSW award-winning filmmaker Brice Budke (*Prospect*, 2018), and Ari Avishay, Director of Culture and Entertainment Marketing at Lyft, are also slated to appear at this year’s Summit.



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“Seattle Film Summit is the only full-bodied entertainment industry event of its kind in the Pacific Northwest with the ability to turn the challenges our local filmmakers face into unique opportunities for collaboration and growth,” said SFS Founder, Ben Andrews.

He continued, “This is a transformational time for the Summit: For the first time, our political leaders will be interacting with our region’s top creatives to explore new ways to bolster all aspects of filmmaking here.”

Nearly 1000 people attended last year’s Summit, packed with pitches, presentations, and panels featuring some of Hollywood’s most powerful players.

Even more are expected to attend, this year.

For the first time in its six-year history, Seattle Film Summit will feature an incentive forum where representatives from Montana, New Mexico, and Vancouver, B.C. will discuss common industry challenges, brainstorm opportunities, and chart a new course for the regional creative scene.

In addition to the incentive forum, the 2019 Summit will feature workshops and panels addressing common industry topics, including how to successfully pitch a screenplay, and the do’s and don’ts of film distribution.

Attendees will also have plenty of opportunities for professional networking, during a weekend-long film industry vendor expo.

Ticket prices are \$25 in advance, \$30 day-of for students with ID. General admission prices are \$50 in advance, \$65 at the door.

Andrews added, “Seattle Film Summit is the next step in the Pacific Northwest’s filmmaking evolutionary chain.”

He concluded, “Through the Summit, we’re establishing ourselves as the creative and cultural hub of the region.”

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