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The **YUCCA VALLEY FILM FESTIVAL**  
awarded  
**CULTURAL CONTRIBUTOR OF THE YEAR**  
by the Basin Wide Foundation



Pictured above: Sue Earnest, Community Services Manager for the Town of Yucca Valley, and Matt Beurois, festival founder. Credit: Sandra Goodin.

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[Festival pictures and visuals to download HERE.](#)

*The Basin Wide Foundation elected the Yucca Valley Film Festival “Cultural Contributor of the Year” in the Hi-Desert, on Thursday August 24th, during their annual dinner.*

*The trophy was presented by **29 Palms Mayor McArthur Wright** to festival director **Matt Beurois** and Yucca Valley Community Services Manager **Susan Earnest**.*

*The award came with official recognition from the United States Congress by Congressman **Jay Obernolte**, from the California State Senate by Senator **Shannon Grove**, and from the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors by Chair **Dawn Rowe**.*

***“We are happy, proud and humbled that the Yucca Valley Film Festival was chosen as the Cultural Contributor of the year. It is our goal to serve the community, and that token of appreciation really means a lot to us”***

*– Auregan & Matt Beurois, festival creators.*

*Every year, the Foundation awards businesses, organizations, and individuals who have shown dedication to providing service to the hi-desert community.*

*The Yucca Valley Film Festival will celebrate 5 years this November, with screenings and events on the 10, 11 & 12.*

***"In previous years, we worked with the Lady Trojans, Miss Yucca Valley Court & Scholarship, the YVHS Cheerleaders. This year again, we are inviting local organizations to participate in the film festival and use the event as a platform to showcase their missions and promote local talents."***

*- Matt Beurois, festival programmer*

*Both Matt Beurois and Sue Earnest sincerely thanked the Town Council of Yucca Valley for their support, and renewed their gratitude to the Town manager, staff, and volunteers who all make the festival possible.*

*Matt Beurois also highlighted how much this event is personal to Auregan and himself. He also explained the impact our community Film Festival can have on out*

*of town, out of state and international filmmakers coming to Yucca Valley for a day, a week-end or a week.*

*[The Basin Wide Foundation](#) is a non-profit organization that supports many other non-profits in the Morongo Basin, including: Miracle League of the Desert, Waste Not Morongo Basin, Youth Sports Coalition, Dreams for Kids, and The Bob Dunn Memorial Scholarship Fund.*

*LOCAL ARTISTS & SAN BERNARDINO BASED ARTISTS: submit your movie, documentary, music video or art by sending us an email to [yuccavalleyfilmfestival@gmail.com](mailto:yuccavalleyfilmfestival@gmail.com) before the end of September.*

**The 5th anniversary edition will include:**

3 day festivities | In person event | Special events with community organizations

Red Carpet every night | Screenings non stop every day

Masterclass | Roundtable | QnAs | Panels with filmmakers

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Website: [yuccavalleyfilmfestival.com](http://yuccavalleyfilmfestival.com)

Facebook, Instagram: [@yuccavalleyfilmfestival](https://www.facebook.com/yuccavalleyfilmfestival)

Email: [yuccavalleyfilmfestival@gmail.com](mailto:yuccavalleyfilmfestival@gmail.com)

**Categories in competition:**

International Short Films, Feature Films, Documentaries, Student Films,  
Animated short films, Music Videos, Dance Films, Experimental Films,  
Art Photography, Directors, Scriptwriters, Music Composers,  
Drone Films, Movie Poster, Movie Trailer.

*"Fantastic festival, absolutely worth the trip!"*

Michael Blomquist ★★★★★

*The Town of Yucca Valley  
presents the*

# YUCCA VALLEY

FILM FESTIVAL

**5<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
**NOV 10-11-12, 2023**

RED CARPET KIDS SECTION  
PHOTOBOOTH MASTERCLASS  
ROUNDTABLES MEET & GREET



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