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## ASIAN FILM FEST GALA NIGHT SPOTLIGHTS LOCALLY GROWN FILMMAKERS

(San Diego, CA – October 20, 2013) -- More than 750 community and business leaders are expected for the most exciting night of the 14<sup>th</sup> San Diego Asian Film Festival (SDAFF) on **Saturday, November 9 at the Mission Valley Town & Country Hotel (500 Hotel Circle North San Diego, CA 92108)** from 5:30PM-9PM. The Festival's Annual Gala Awards Night is when the top independent films of the SDAFF are announced by celebrity presenters, along with world-class entertainment, a live auction, and tribute to the Festival's youngest filmmakers. The Gala is also the largest fundraiser of the year for Pacific Arts Movement, a nonprofit organization that presents the San Diego Asian Film Festival.

## GALA HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- RED CARPET starting at 6PM
- CELEBRITIES including Daniel Dae Kim (Hawaii 5-0, Lost), C.S. Lee (Dexter), Jodi
  Long (Sullivan & Son, Law & Order), Vivian Bang (Sullivan & Son), Angela Sun (ESPN
  correspondent), Leonardo Nam (Fast & Furious, Sisterhood of Traveling Pants), Arden
  Cho (Teen Wolf).
- WORLD CLASS ENTERTAINMENT with performances by violinist Jason Yang who recently went on tour with Madonna.
- TRIBUTE TO WONG FU PRODUCTIONS 3 filmmakers from UCSD are marking their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of what has become the most influential Asian American video production company. Wong Fu Productions has generated more than a quarter of a billion views and more than 1 million followers.
- FESTIVAL'S YOUNGEST FILMMAKERS 12 local high school students will be recognized for completing their first films through the Reel Voices Program.

Wells Fargo is the presenting sponsor of the SDAFF Gala, which is also supported by AT&T, ELT Insurance Services, Nordstrom, and Time Warner Cable

The Gala is an event of the 14<sup>th</sup> San Diego Asian Film Festival, which premieres more than 140 films from 15 countries at various locations from November 7-16. For ticketing info, film details, and schedule, please visit <a href="www.pac-arts.org/sdaff">www.pac-arts.org/sdaff</a> or contact 619.400.5911 | <a href="info@pac-arts.org">info@pac-arts.org</a>