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SAN DIEGO'S LARGEST FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES FILIPINO FILM LINE-UP AND EXPANSION

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(San Diego, CA – October 3, 2013) Noted as "One of the Top Ten Reasons to Visit San Diego" by USA Today's Pop Traveler, Pacific Arts Movement is excited to announce the **14th San Diego Asian Film Festival** (SDAFF), which runs November 7-16, 2013 at various locations throughout the County and at the Digiplex Mission Valley (7510 Hazard Center Drive, San Diego, CA 92108). As one of the largest film exhibitions of its kind in North America, with more than 140 films from 15 countries, the Festival includes World, North American, U.S., and West Coast premieres and **a robust selection of Filipino films**, including the Festival's closing night film DOCUMENTED.

FILIPINO PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

 Closing Night Film, DOCUMENTED on Friday, November 15 at 7:00pm at the New Central Library (330 Park Blvd., Downtown San Diego). Two years ago, Pulitzer Prizewinning journalist Jose Antonio Vargas came out as undocumented in the pages of the New York Times Magazine. DOCUMENTED — a captivating look at being American, becoming an activist, and being a son to a mother in the Philippines he hasn't seen in nearly 20 years — is Vargas' film debut. Director and film subject Jose Antonio Vargas is scheduled to attend. He is available for interviews starting Thursday, Nov 14.

- NORTE, THE END OF HISTORY marks the Festival's longest film ever at a
 whopping 250 minutes. This epic drama about family, class, and crime by master
 director Lav Diaz screens twice: Monday, Nov 11 at 1:30PM and Thursday, Nov 14 at
 6:15PM at the Digital Gym Cinema on 2921 El Cajon Blvd.
- Other notable Filipino films include the award-winning romance IF ONLY, the Erik Matti
 thriller ON THE JOB, the Vilma Santos-led THE BIT PLAYER, the nerve-wracking Raya
 Martin film HOW TO DISAPPEAR COMPLETELY, and the dreamy experimental film
 BIG BOY. Additionally, one of the year's most acclaimed dramas, ILO ILO, prominently
 features actress Angeli Bayani (also in NORTE) as a Filipino domestic worker hired by a
 Chinese family in Singapore.

Download film stills at http://festival.sdaff.org/2013/media-center/

MEDIA ASSET: Promotional Video: http://youtu.be/ym7 kEryglk

To set up interviews with filmmakers, actors or festival staff contact Amy Ward

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Tickets are available online for all shows or at the Box office at each venue on the days of the shows. General admission of \$11.50 or \$8 for Members. Closing Night film, DOCUMENTED is \$15 General or \$12 for Members. Student/Military/Senior and Group discounts are available.

For ticketing info, full film details, and schedule, please visit www.pac-arts.org/sdaff or contact 619.400.5911 | info@pac-arts.org

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