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**SAN DIEGO ASIAN FILM FESTIVAL'S 6TH ANNUAL SPRING
SHOWCASE ENDS WITH SOLD-OUT SCREENINGS OF VIETNAM'S
NO. 1 COMEDY, *SWEET 20***

San Diego (May 11, 2016) -- Nearly 2,000 audience members came out for [Pacific Arts Movement's 6th Annual San Diego Asian Film Festival Spring Showcase](#), a presentation of 14 spectacular film programs from 10 countries, April 28-May 5, 2016. After eight days of song, dance, love, family, triumphs and tears, all captured through cinema, the Showcase concluded with [SWEET 20](#), a frolicking Vietnamese comedy gathering together generations and audiences from across San Diego County.

[Watch the 6th Spring Showcase video recap](#)

SPRING SHOWCASE HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Film and music brought the world together during the Opening Night screening of [THE MUSIC OF STRANGERS](#)**, a musical documentary, and winner of the Union Bank Audience Award, featuring Yo-Yo Ma and other virtuosos from Spain to Japan. Preceding the screening, Pac Arts presented live local musicians from San Diego playing instruments depicted in the film, such as the Chinese pipa, Chinese dulcimer, and Persian kamancheh.
- **Gamers and strangers bonded over the power of community**, both in the audience and on the screen, during the **West Coast premiere of documentary [THE LOST ARCADE](#)**, followed by a Q&A with filmmakers Kurt Vincent and Irene Chin, who were present at the Spring Showcase.
- **Bold documentaries and animations blocked from screening in China** came to San Diego for one day only during an international tour. The **four-program ["China Now"](#) series** celebrated the daring spirit of independent filmmakers and underground film artists in mainland China.

- A special treat for aficionados of cinema technology and martial arts movies, a **mystery kung fu film was presented in 16mm film**, with audiences sworn to secrecy about the title of the film.

The Spring Showcase was made possible with support from the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture, Councilmember Chris Cate, Barona Resort & Casino, Think Blue, Union Bank, SDG&E, Stella Artois, Repromagic, Southwest Airlines, Pacific Islanders in Communications, The San Diego Union-Tribune, KPBS, Wawanesa and Zion Market.

Pacific Arts Movement is best known for presenting the San Diego Asian Film Festival, which returns for its 17th edition, November 3-12, 2016.

For more information about Pacific Arts Movement, go to www.pacarts.org