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28th Lone Pine Film Festival Oct. 5-9, 2017

This year's theme: 'How Westerns Shaped the American Experience'

LONE PINE, California -- What are the top 10 opening scenes of all time in the Western movie genre? This evocative topic is just one of many to be explored at this year's annual Lone Pine Film Festival, in our quest to define How Westerns Shaped the American Experience. [This year's festival includes an early bird reception and screening on Thursday, and special added tours on Monday.](#) Some highlights:

PANELS: Turner Classic Movies host **Ben Mankiewicz** talks with author **Scott Eyman** about Western icons **John Wayne** and director **John Ford**;



John Ford and John Wayne

Actor and author **William Wellman Jr.**, son of legendary director "Wild Bill" Wellman, will lead a discussion about actor **Robert Mitchum** as we celebrate Mitchum's 100th birthday;

An exciting, informative and in-depth discussion on a day in the life of a stunt person will be led by NCIS stunt coordinator **Diamond Farnsworth**. He'll host a panel of Hollywood stunt greats, including **Marguerite and Clifford Happy**, **Robert Jauregui** and **Pat Ommert**, who'll talk about what it is like to work with famous actors and big studios.

SCREENINGS: More than 16 classic Westerns will be screened over the weekend, including silent films with live piano accompaniment. Highlights include the 1970 film "**The Cheyenne Social Club**," starring Henry Fonda and James Stewart; the 1960 film "**Sergeant Rutledge**," and the 1944 film "**Nevada**," starring Mitchum. For an up-to-date schedule, visit [the festival website](#).

MOVIE SITE TOURS: Throughout the weekend, including [The Classic Tour](#) with Inyo County Film Commissioner Chris Langley, one of four special tours added for Monday only. [See the whole tour schedule here](#).

EARLY BIRDS arriving Thursday, check out our Members' Reception on Thursday evening (\$10 for members; \$20 non-members), and a special screening at 7 p.m. of "Floating Horses: The Life of Casey Tibbs," with guest Wyatt McCrea and the film's director, Justin Koehler (for registered button holders only).

More panels and movies, along with book signings, raffle, vendors in the park, [Saturday rodeo at the historic Lone Pine Rodeo Grounds](#), a Main Street parade, Cowboy Church, closing campfire and more await during the 28th Lone Pine Film Festival!

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