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Highlights of the SLO International Film Festival

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The 19th annual San Luis Obispo International Film Festival is in full swing.

With so many movie screenings, workshops and red-carpet events slated for this week, it can be difficult to decide what to do. So we've selected a handful of highlights.

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Sing along to 'Grease'

"Grease" is the word Thursday night at the Galaxy Colony Square Theatre in Atascadero.

Greaser Danny Zuko (John Travolta) and nice girl Sandy Olsson (Olivia Newton-John) fall in love during the summer of 1959, but things get more complicated when high school starts. Can their romance survive senior year?

Sing along with your favorite bobby-soxers and beauty school drop-outs to "Greased Lightning," "Summer Lovin'" and "You're the

One That I Love."

A costume contest and reception start at 6 p.m. at the theater's 21-and-over VIP Lounge, followed by the film at 7 p.m. Admission to both events is \$15 to \$20, while movie tickets are \$8 to \$10.

Drink in some culture

Wine lovers can sample the Central Coast's natural bounty before two screenings of the documentary "Somm," which follows four friends who undergo the grueling process to become master sommeliers.

On Friday, tasting rooms around City Park in Paso Robles will offer free pours to festival pass holders and "Somm" ticket buyers. The tasting room crawl lasts from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and the screening starts at 7 p.m. at Park Cinemas; admission is \$8 to \$10.

On Saturday, "Somm" audience members can savor South County vintages at the Fremont theatre in San Luis Obispo. Wine tasting starts at 1 p.m., followed by the film at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15.

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Salute show business

Classic silent comedy "Show People" features two Hollywood celebrities with Central Coast ties: actress Marion Davies, who lived at Hearst Castle as media mogul William Randolph Hearst's mistress, and director King Vidor, who owned a Paso Robles ranch.

Davies stars as Peggy Pepper, a starlet who dreams of becoming a dramatic actress but instead makes a splash in slapstick comedies with Billy Boone (William Haines).

"Show People" screens at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Palm Theatre in San Luis Obispo. Tickets are \$8 to \$10, and include a talk by film critic Kirk Honeycutt.

Meet Tinker Bell

Margaret Kerry-Willcox, the real-life model for Tinker Bell in "Peter Pan," will sign autographs and pose for pictures at 11 a.m. Saturday at film festival headquarters in San Luis Obispo.


Willcox will also participate in the panel discussion "Movie Magic — Past, Present and Future," 10:30 a.m. to noon Sunday at the Palm Theatre in San Luis Obispo. (Tickets are \$5.) Other participants are magician Rich Ferguson and visual effects experts Jeff Barnes and Mike Fink.

Celebrate excellence

The stars come out at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Fremont theater.

Following the George Sidney Independent Film Awards, the King Vidor Career Achievement Award will be presented to Oscar-nominated actor John Hawkes, star of "Martha Marcy May Marlene," "The Sessions" and "Winter's Bone." The award recognizes excellence in filmmaking.

Admission to the award ceremony is \$10 to \$15. Tickets to the post-ceremony reception at the nearby Warden Building are \$30 to \$35.



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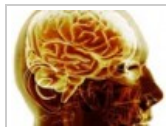
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