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### DigiFest Temecula Announces A-List Attendees

TEMECULA - JDS Creative Academy, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, presents their fourth annual three day Digital Media experience, DigiFest® Temecula, that will take place the weekend of April 17,18,19, 2020. This event kicks off with a weekend of networking, entertainment, the opportunity to meet inspirational trade guest speakers, explore digital gallery exhibits, attend film festival-style screenings and learn from workshops led by industry professionals. DigiFest® Temecula supports creative content creators, by bringing together Digital Media experts and providing a space to exhibit their work and be acknowledged for their creative excellence.

Thanks to the digital world, DigiFest® Temecula has worldwide attention receiving submissions from Scotland, across the United States, as well as throughout California, providing attendees the opportunity to network with influential people from everywhere. The festival is a platform for both new talent and seasoned artists, including students, amateurs, and professionals, who are encouraged to submit their digital multimedia work for an opportunity to claim a sought after Digi Award. Digital content accepted for competition is Film/Video/Photography/Computer-Developed multimedia that includes short film and video, fine art and illustration, photography, animation, music, podcasts, website design and gaming. Final submission deadline is March 22, 2020.

DigiFest® Temecula has attracted well-known names throughout the years, and has just confirmed the attendance of *Life Is Strange 2* actor, Roman George; Cover Colorist of Marvel and DC Comics, Peter Pantazis, as well as Teddy Lane Jr., whose mainstream IMBD credits span over 25 years. The creators behind the festival are still locking in additional industry presenters and speakers to make this year the best yet. DigiFest® 2020 has an expected attendance of 1500 guests throughout the weekend.

The festival rolls out the red carpet Friday night at JDS Creative Academy for a weekend of expos, workshops and presentations. Then on Saturday night, the festival moves to the Temeku Theater for film & video screenings and the digital extravaganza concludes Sunday night, with a red carpet awards banquet at Temecula City Hall, Conference Center.

*"If you create content, manage content, or participate in digital content, this event is for you. Students will learn, emerging & experienced creators will be engaged and the community will be entertained,"* said Diane Strand, event founder and producer.

DigiFest® Temecula is a place to learn about digital advancements. The festival provides insight on how to pursue a career in the entertainment industry as well as in digital media trades by providing the chance to network with professionals. This unique experience is unlike anything in Riverside County. DigiFest® Temecula takes a film festival concept to a completely new level, combining passion from artists and the excitement from the crowd, to bring the community a festival that is primed to open a new perspective on artistic culture. DigiFest® Temecula is for anyone who enjoys entertainment, technology and meeting new exciting professionals in an engaging industry. See who is nominated, who wins and vote for a people's choice award.

JDS Creative Academy encourages everyone interested to go to <https://digifesttemecula.org/> or email [digifest@jdscreativeacademy.org](mailto:digifest@jdscreativeacademy.org) for more information.

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**ABOUT JDS CREATIVE ACADEMY:** *The mission of the 501c3 nonprofit JDS Creative Academy is to enhance job skills through education and hands-on training in visual, performing and digital arts. As a state approved apprenticeship and a vendor with Inland Regional Center, we work with mainstream, Autistic and learning disability populations, providing career pathways and workforce development opportunities.*