



INDEPENDENT FILM & TELEVISION ALLIANCE® ANNOUNCES BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2024-2025

Directors from Global Independent Companies Arclight, AGC Studios, FilmNation, Film Seekers, Resurgence Media, Odin's Eye & Protagonist Pictures Elected

Los Angeles, CA – December 4, 2024 – The Independent Film & Television Alliance® (IFTA®) is pleased to announce the results of its annual elections for the 2024-2025 Board of Directors. The newly composed Board reflects IFTA's ongoing commitment to leadership that champions the growth and vitality of the independent film and television industry worldwide.

The following eight executives will join IFTA's 15-Member Board:

Brian Beckmann (Arclight Films), **Caroline Couret-Delègue** (Film Seekers Limited), **Michael Dwyer** (Resurgence Media Group), **Michael Favelle** (Odin's Eye Entertainment), **Diane Ferrandez** (AGC Studios), **George Hamilton** (Protagonist Pictures), **Alice Laffillé** (FilmNation Entertainment) and **Michael Ryan** (Independent). This marks the first term on the IFTA Board for Dwyer, Favelle, and Laffille.

They will join **Chairperson Clay Epstein** (Film Mode Entertainment), who was first elected in 2021 and is now serving his second term, alongside Board members continuing into the second year of their terms: **Paul Bales** (The Asylum), **Scott Bedno** (Myriad Pictures), **Jason Buckley** (Lakeshore Entertainment / UMG), **Lisa Gutberlet** (Blue Fox Entertainment), **Chloé Marquet** (STUDIOCANAL), and **Nat McCormick** (The Exchange).

Epstein commented, "I welcome this exceptional group to the IFTA Board. It's an honor to work alongside seasoned and passionate colleagues who have shaped our work in the past, while also embracing the fresh perspectives brought by our newly elected members. Our industry faces challenging times, and the combined strength, experience, and creativity of this Board will be instrumental to our work supporting our Members and championing Independents worldwide."

About the Independent Film & Television Alliance® (IFTA®)

IFTA is the global trade association for independent film and television production, finance, distribution, and sales companies. The organization represents the independent sector before governments and international bodies and provides significant entertainment industry services to its member companies in 22 countries consisting of independent production and distribution companies, sales agents, and financial institutions engaged in production finance. Each November, IFTA produces the American Film Market® (AFM®), which serves as the annual fundraiser for the association. The only independently produced international sales market, hundreds of finance, production, sales and distribution companies and thousands of professionals from every segment of the industry, convene at AFM for six days of deal-making, networking, marketplace discussions and world-class conferences. IFTA also develops and publishes the IFTA® Model Agreements which articulate the industry-wide standards and key definitions for licensing international rights in motion pictures and television programming and are reviewed and revised regularly to keep pace with the evolving worldwide film and television industry. For more information on IFTA, visit www.ifta-online.org.

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