

**AN UNMISSABLE FEAST OF ACTION EXPLODES ONTO THE BIG SCREEN IN
LONDON THIS MONTH - FROM HOLLYWOOD DIRECTORS AND ACTION STARS
TO THE BIGGEST MOVIE & TV FRANCHISES**

ONLY AT “THE LONDON ACTION FESTIVAL” 2023

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[LONDON, Tuesday June 6th 2023] THE LONDON ACTION FESTIVAL today reveals a raft of new events joining the already impressive programme set to burst into London later this month.

The one-of-a-kind Festival is year on year proving itself in its ambitions to be Britain’s answer to the San Diego Comic Con and will bring together influential figures responsible for creating some of the most iconic Action moments in Film and TV history, **running from Wednesday 21st – Sunday 25th June.**

The extensive program offers professionals and fans alike the opportunity to immerse themselves in all things Action. Every day is ‘action-packed’, with more events to be announced soon, and the program currently boasts:

THREE NIGHTS OF SPECIAL EVENTS - including the return of last year’s sell outs:

- **The FRIDAY NIGHT SHOWDOWN – The Festival’s Moving Target Awards’ Show.**
Award Winner’s announced so far to be honoured for their Outstanding Contributions to Action Film & TV include:
For Direction: Martin Campbell, who directed the debuts of both Daniel Craig and Pierce Brosnan as James Bond in *CASINO ROYALE* and *GOLDENEYE* as well as the Academy Award and Golden Globe nominated *THE MASK OF ZORRO*.
For Special Effects: Chris Corbould OBE is an Academy-Award and BAFTA winning Special Effects Supervisor with an incredible body of work that takes in 15 entries in the “James Bond” franchise including *NO TIME TO DIE*, as well as Christopher Nolan’s *BATMAN* trilogy and *INCEPTION*.
- **The WORLD’S GREATEST EVER SCREENING...(PROBABLY!)** of the great British Classic **THE ITALIAN JOB** following in the footsteps of last year’s history making *DIE HARD* screening, with special guests, music and surprises.
- And Brand New for 2023, a special one-off LIVE PERFORMANCE of the critically acclaimed ‘YIPPEE KI YAY’ by award-winning comedian and action aficionado **Richard Marsh** - matched with a Q&A where Richard meets the writer of his most beloved film, *DIE HARD* **Steven E. de Souza** live on stage.

And a WHOLE WEEKEND OF ENTERTAINMENT:

SPECIAL SCREENINGS Announced So Far – The Festival celebrates director Martin Campbell’s **Moving Target Award** win with a special screening of **THE MASK OF ZORRO** plus Q&A; and meet the man who proved Arnold Schwarzenegger was more than a Terminator in a screening of **COMMANDO** with legendary writer Steven E. de Souza. Hear from Welsh virtuoso action director Gareth Evans after a screening of *THE RAID 2*. It’s 50 years since the martial arts classic **ENTER THE DRAGON** hit our screens - we offer a special screening and panel event exploring the legacy of Bruce Lee.

[EXCLUSIVE PANELS Announced So Far](#)– Get up close and personal with discussions and masterclasses featuring on-screen and behind-the-scenes stars of Action Film & TV covering every addictive adrenaline-filled step from the page to the screen, including:

- Meet **THE VILLAINS OF JOHN WICK**, **Mark Dacascos** (Zero in *JOHN WICK: CHAPTER 3 – PARABELLUM*) and **Scott Adkins** (Killa in *JOHN WICK: CHAPTER 4*) – two of the most memorable villains from the \$1 billion worldwide box office smash *JOHN WICK* franchise.
- Renowned show runner **Jed Mercurio** (*BODYGUARD*, *LINE OF DUTY*).
- BAFTA winner and Academy Award nominee, **Lesley Paterson** (*ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT*).
- Iconic Screenwriter **Steven E. de Souza** (*DIE HARD*, *COMMANDO* and *THE RUNNING MAN*)
- Directors **Miguel Sapochnik** (*GAME OF THRONES*), **Nia DaCosta** (*CANDYMAN*, upcoming *THE MARVELS*) and **Gareth Evans** (*THE RAID*).
- Editor extraordinaire **Nathan Orloff** (*JOHN WICK 4*).
- Academy Award winning Special Effects Supervisor **Chris Corbould OBE** (15 James Bond films, *BATMAN* trilogy).
- Composer **Natalie Holt** (*LOKI*, *OBI-WAN KENOBI*).

Full program details for **THE LONDON ACTION FESTIVAL 2023** including dates, times, locations and all ticket options can be found [HERE](#).

The LONDON ACTION FESTIVAL is co-founded by Julian Alcantara and Ron Fogelman along with financiers Lee Vandermolen (serving as Chairman) and Stewart Peter. The Advisory Board includes Colin Burrows, Maria Giacchino, Ian Nathan and Den of Geek's Mike Cecchini and Chris Longo.

Den of Geek is the event's Senior Media Sponsor with design services from Secret Origin Studios, A Den of Geek Company.

Preferred credit: **THE LONDON ACTION FESTIVAL runs from Wednesday 21st – Sunday 25th June.** Tickets are on sales now via the website [HERE](#)

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About THE LONDON ACTION FESTIVAL:

Founded by Julian Alcantara, Ron Fogelman and Lee Vandermolen in 2022 THE LONDON ACTION FESTIVAL is a world class Film & TV Festival dedicated to all things Action, a celebration of the skills, creativity, talent and bravery required to create the world's most exciting content across both Film and TV. The festival holds the annual *Moving Target Awards* during the festival awarding outstanding contributions to the world of Action Films & TV.

About Julian Alcantara - Festival Co-Director / Founder

Julian is a producer with over 20 years of experience in the film industry and a specialist adviser when it comes to China, India and Middle East deal-making. Based in the UK, Julian has been an adviser to the Shanghai & Mumbai International Film Festivals and put together the first Mauritius Film Festival, which has inspired him to work on an Action themed event here in the UK.

About Ron Fogelman - Festival Co-Director / Founder

Ron is a producer, writer and executive working across both the creative and commercial sides of the entertainment industry. He is Special Advisor and Executive Producer for Den of Geek. Ron lead produced the stage production of *The Twilight Zone* based on the acclaimed CBS television series and directed by 8 times Olivier-winner Richard Jones. The show received its World Premiere at London's prestigious Almeida Theatre. After a sell-out run it had a successful season in London's West End at the Ambassadors and will make its debut in North America next year.

About Lee Vandermolen – Chairman / Founder

Lee started financing media projects after having been a commodities and bond trader in The City (London). He has financed media projects that include amongst others *Sin City 2*, *Chef*, *47 Meters Down*, *Midway* and *Kajaki*. He was an investor and Associate Producer on the West End Theatre show *The Twilight Zone*.

About Stewart Peter – Director / Founder

Stewart has spent 25 years as a Senior Executive specializing in commercial and financial management in the commodities and industrial sector and more than 10 years financing media projects, including amongst others *Sin City 2*, *In the Blood*, *Crooked House*, *A Street Cat Named Bob*, *Dark Matter* and *Kajaki*.