



## Pechanga Resort Casino To Host American Indian and Indigenous Film Festival

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TEMECULA, CA – The 2022 California’s American Indian and Indigenous Film Festival (CAIIFF) will take place April 2-3 at Pechanga Resort Casino in Temecula, CA. One of the largest Native American film festivals in the country, the event will feature a powerful lineup of film productions featuring Native and Indigenous stories, directors, actors and producers. The festival also includes youth activities and Q&A sessions.

“CAIIFF is thrilled to bring audiences back as we return with our first live action theatrical production, the California premiere of *Bear Grease*, a hilarious indigenous twist on film and musical *Grease* and the world premiere of *Imagining the Indian: The Fight Against Native American Mascots*, which is a feature-length documentary that examines the movement to eliminate racist symbols featuring Olympian Billy Mills,” said Dr. Joely Proudfit, CAIIFF Director.



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The artwork for this year's festival was commissioned by Monica Zavala, an alumnus of California State University San Marcos.

CAIIF provides California moviegoers with a unique opportunity to encounter American Indians in uplifting and empowering film narratives about what it means to be Indian in the 21st century. CAIIF highlights American Indian storytelling traditions connecting community, identity, history, present and the future. CAIIF is coordinated by the California Indian Culture & Sovereignty Center (CICSC) in partnership with many tribal and community and campus sponsors. The CICSC fosters collaborative research and community service relationships between the faculty, staff, and students of CSU San Marcos and members of Tribal communities, for the purpose of developing and conducting research projects that support the maintenance of sovereignty and culture within those communities.

Tickets are \$15-\$25 and are on sale now. Tickets may be purchased by visiting [Pechanga.com](https://Pechanga.com) or by calling (877) 711-2946.

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