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Peachtree Village International Film Festival (PVIFF) Celebrates 20th Anniversary October 16–19, 2025 in Atlanta, GA

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Atlanta, GA – The **Peachtree Village International Film Festival (PVIFF)** proudly celebrates its **20th Anniversary** October 16–19, 2025, at the elegant **Hyatt Villa Christina, 4000 Summit Blvd NE, Atlanta, GA**. Since its inception, PVIFF has become a global platform for filmmakers, actors, and creators, showcasing groundbreaking content while cultivating a thriving creative community.

This year's celebration kicks off on **Thursday, October 16th** with a high-energy **Opening Night at Batsi (4075 Buford Hwy NE, Atlanta, GA)**. The evening will feature final performances from the **PVIFF Monologue Competition finalists**, hosted by comedian/actor **Mike Bend** featuring special guest actress **Jennifer Sears** (Tyler Perry's "Divorced Sistas") alongside great music, drinks, food, and unmatched networking opportunities.

*"For two decades, PVIFF has been a cultural hub for diverse voices in film and television," said **Len Gibson, Founder & CEO of PVIFF**. "This milestone represents not just the growth of the festival but the impact of Atlanta's creative community on the world stage. We're thrilled to bring together incredible talent, thought leaders, and stories that will inspire for generations to come."*

*"From the beginning, our mission has been to educate, inspire, and empower filmmakers and creatives," said **James "JB" Brown, President & Founder of PVIFF**. "This 20th Anniversary is a testament to the hard work of our team and the global community that has supported us along the way. We have been blessed to be a blessing to our community and fellow creatives. The Philanthropic efforts of our Village has been well received and reciprocated Globally. We look forward to making this year's festival our most impactful yet."*

Highlights of PVIFF 2025

Dynamic Panels

- **"Cast Me If You Can"** – Moderated by the Cinema Dolls, featuring celebrity publicist **Adrienne Allen**, actor **Myles Truitt (BMF)**, actress/acting coach **Angela Davis**, talent agent **Barbara Divisek**, and actress/health & wellness expert **Dominique Nicole**.
- **"Money Markets & The Greenlight"** – A conversation on financing and distribution.
- **"Bill Duke Actor's Bootcamp"** – Led by acclaimed actress/producer/director **Terri J. Vaughn**, AI Expert **Eric Cunningham**, actor/producer/coach **Carl Gilliard**, Producer & PVIFF CEO **Len Gibson**, Producer **Wayne Overstreet**, and legendary filmmaker **Bill Duke**.

Additional speakers include **Dr. Ty Johnston-Chavis**, **Lamont Pete** (Sunset Pictures), **Adam Engelhard** (Buffalo 8), **Jeff Robinson** (CEO of MBK Entertainment), Hip Hop Artist/Actor/Producer, **Yung Joc** and many more.

Premieres & Anticipated Screenings:

- **“Baltimore Hustle”** – Produced by C.A.M Productions directed by Pen Ken
- **“Deceitful Lies”** – Comedian/actor **Rodney Perry’s** directorial debut, starring Challedon Saltor, Lance Nichols, and Kevin Savage.
- **“Something About Tomorrow”** – Directed by Carole Murphy Copeland and starring Lamman Rucker, Trisha Mann Grant and more.
- **“Georgia Peach”**- Directed by Mann Robinson starring Jasmine Burke, Teresa Celeste, Cocoa Brown, Andrea Kelly and more.
- **“What Happened To Love”** – The highly anticipated pilot from director/writer **Embree Perry**, starring Leslie Black and Challedon Saltor.

Awards Ceremony

The acclaimed **PVIFF Awards Ceremony** takes place **Sunday, October 19th at 4 p.m.** at the Hyatt Villa Christina, hosted by actress/singer **Lydia Caesar**.

Competitive awards will recognize excellence in **Best Short Film (sponsored by JaroGO)**, **Best Feature Film**, **Best Documentary**, **Audience Choice Award**, **Best Screenplay**, and more.

Special honors will be presented to:

- **Kevin Hooks** (*Passenger 57, Prison Break, This Is Us*)
- **Keith Robinson** (*Dream Girls, Beyond the Gates*)
- **Rodney Perry** (Comedian/Actor/Director)
- **Aaron D. Spears** (*The Bold & The Beautiful, The Hamptons*)
- **Monique Carillo** (Acclaimed Influencer & Content Creator)

In a historic finale, **Len Gibson, James “JB” Brown, Al Jasper, Carl Gilliard, and Bill Duke** will receive **Honorary Ph.D.’s** from **Trinity International University of Ambassadors**, presented by President **Dr. Jacqueline Mohair**.

Some PVIFF’s 20th Anniversary sponsors include: Fulton County Films, GA Film Commission, Just Smart Technology Systems, JaroGO, Upscale Magazine, YLC Candles, C.A.M. Productions, GO Media Productions, The Identity Corp, Trinity International University of Ambassadors, Cubano Cigars, Hollywood Rose, LMG Originals, Truth Honey, Arrington & Phillips, LLP, HER Wine, Cookin With Kei etc.

About PVIFF

Founded in 2005, the **Peachtree Village International Film Festival** has grown into one of the Southeast’s premier film festivals, known for championing diversity, fostering innovation, and spotlighting rising and established voices in cinema. Over the past 20 years, PVIFF has become a launchpad for storytellers from around the world and a vital part of Atlanta’s thriving creative ecosystem.

For tickets, scheduling, and more information, please visit **www.pviffatl.com**.

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