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MONTEREY COUNTY FILM COMMISSION

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**Monterey County Film Commission “Club 20” Gala in Monterey
to celebrate Golden Age of Hollywood style with dinner, Big Band dancing,
and film commission’s 20 Years of “Lights, Camera, and *Economic Action*”**

It’s been 20 years since the Monterey County Film Commission was officially created by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors. In film industry lingo, that’s “Take twenty.”

To celebrate, the film commission plans an elegant gala called “Club 20,” on Saturday, Nov. 3, beginning at 6:30 p.m. It’s a salute to big band supper clubs and the golden age of Hollywood style, and will include dinner, wines, and dancing to the silken-smooth music of the seven-piece Wally’s Swing World. The event will be held at the Monterey Conference Center’s Serra Ballroom, transformed with an art deco club look.

Dinner will be prepared by Monterey Marriott’s award-winning executive chef Willi Franz, and will include grilled filet mignon with jumbo prawns, zucchini potato with Maui onion, Caesar salad, and poached pear and almond cream tart. Winemakers from Gryphon Wines will be pouring their new label, “Marie Johnston” first edition signature wines.

The Next Generation Jazz Band will perform, and after dinner guests can dance the night away to the music of Wally’s Swing World.

Photos of movie and film commission history will be shown, and a new video short for the Monterey County Film Commission will have its premiere.

The host of the evening will be television star Ken Howard. The dress is black tie, vintage glamour, or elegant cocktail attire. Valet parking will be available.

Tickets are \$175 per person, and reservations are being taken at the film commission office, 831-646-0910. Space is limited so reservations are requested by Oct. 26. For more information call or go to www.FilmMonterey.org.

“We’re planning a classy but fun evening in honor of the film commission’s 20th anniversary year,” said Dan Concepcion, chair of the Club 20 planning committee and a member of the film commission’s board of directors. “It will be an elegant event celebrating the golden age of Hollywood plus the accomplishments of the Monterey County Film Commission.”

Created to foster economic development in the county through the film business, the film commission has attracted and facilitated hundreds of productions from still shoots and commercials to TV shows and feature films including “Bandits” with Bruce Willis, “Turner & Hooch” with Tom Hanks, and “We Were Soldiers” with Mel Gibson.

Nearly \$60 million has come into local communities through film productions over the past two decades.

In addition, the film commission serves the community with educational programs related to the film industry, from “Reel Jobs” presentations and film professional lectures to a new film student scholarship program and a screenwriting competition. The film commission’s annual “Big Night Gala” highlights the Academy Awards® presentation.

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