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ANNOUNCES HONOREES, MORE SPEAKERS FOR
FIFTH ANNUAL U.S.-CHINA FILM SUMMIT AND GALA DINNER
NOVEMBER 5, 2014**

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**Three of China's Biggest Film Stars
Zhao Wei, Huang Xiaoming and Tong Dawei
To Be Honored**

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**Ted Sarandos, Chief Content Officer, Netflix, to keynote; executives from
Tencent, Huayi Brothers Media and Youku Tudou added as speakers**

LOS ANGELES – October 23, 2014 – Asia Society Southern California is pleased to announce honorees and additional speakers for its Fifth Annual U.S.-China Film Summit and Gala Dinner on Wednesday, November 5, 2014. This signature event of Asia Society Southern California's Entertainment and Media in Asia (EMASIA) series, will take place at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The festive Gala Dinner, also at the hotel, begins with a VIP reception at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner and the program at 7:00 p.m.

At the Dinner, Asia Society Southern California will honor a trio of actors who demonstrate the growing integration between Hollywood and China. **Vicki Zhao (Zhao Wei), Huang Xiaoming** and **Tong Dawei** will receive the *2014 Film Ensemble of the Year* award for their work on *Hollywood Adventures*, a Chinese film that is being made in America. These award-winning and widely respected actors star in the "action" romantic comedy, a true cross-border collaboration – a bilingual film written, produced and financed by both Chinese and Americans. Among the writers and producers is Justin Lin, who directed *The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift*, *Fast & Furious*, *Fast Five*, and *Fast & Furious 6*.

Zhao's early screen success – while still studying at the Beijing Film Academy – turned her into a national idol. Last year, she made the groundbreaking move into directing, and her debut, *So Young*, quickly became the highest-grossing film by a female Chinese director. Huang studied with Zhao at the Beijing Film Academy and is one of the most beloved actors in China, Taiwan and Hong Kong. Tong graduated from the Shanghai Theater Academy, and his credits include *The Flowers of War*, which was directed by Zhang Yimou and submitted by China for the 2012 Academy Award for best foreign-language film.

Zhao, Huang and Tong will be joined on stage to receive their award by producer **Bruno Wu**, Chairman and CEO of Seven Stars Entertainment and Media, and cast member **Sarah Li (Li Yan)**, an up-and-coming star.

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The Summit has added a number of influential speakers to the full-day conference including **Ted Sarandos**, Chief Content Officer of Netflix, who will discuss the innovative company's expansion in content distribution and creation, and its foray into feature film production; **Wang Zhonglei**, President of Huayi Brothers Media Company; **Allen Zhu**, Senior Vice President of Youku Tudou and CEO of its new HeYi Film Company, and **Bruno Wu**.

"The U.S.-China Film Summit is a signature Asia Society program and once again leads the conversation on a key and fast-growing U.S.-China partnership," said Tom Nagorski, Asia Society Executive Vice President, who returns as a Summit moderator this year.

"From new partnerships that exemplify the coming together of two great industries to top-tiered Chinese talent entering Hollywood, we are again witnessing history in the making," added Peter Shiao, chairman of the Summit, Asia Society Southern California board member and CEO of Orb Media Group. "We are pleased to lead the changes taking place in the industry."

To purchase tickets and for additional information on the Summit, please [click here](#).

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