

# FILM ANGELS FACTSHEET



**World's premier angel group for film.** Film Angels is the world's first and foremost angel investor organization dedicated to funding independent film projects and film-related startups. We routinely connect the most promising new movie ventures with the most suitable individual investors, aka angels.

Modeled after and allied with leading angel networks (e.g., Band of Angels, Keiretsu Forum), Film Angels launched in 2005 at the Silicon Valley Capital Club. We have been discreetly active for nearly 20 years. Members of our chapters in San Francisco, Palo Alto–Mountain View–San Jose, Los Angeles, New York City, and London have invested in numerous productions.

**Funding film the Silicon Valley way.** Wall Street investment banker–turned–entrepreneur Thomas Trenker, a first-generation immigrant from Austria by way of Switzerland, founded Film Angels in his 20s after helping found or fund multiple startups. Sand Hill Road venture capitalist Saad Khan of ex-Apple chief evangelist Guy Kawasaki's Garage Technology Ventures joined as cofounder after hearing Thomas speak at Stanford's Future of Entertainment conference, where he challenged top studio executives to rethink film finance. The founding team also boasts an eclectic mix of influential Silicon Valley professionals from diverse backgrounds.

Film Angels has since grown into a go-to resource for A-listers, Oscar winners and nominees, Hollywood royalty, industry greats, and rising stars looking to fund their independent films or personal projects outside the confines of the studio system. Typically, they pursue creative control, a precious commodity in high demand among the world's preeminent filmmakers.

**Boldly go where others fear to tread.** The venerable Wall Street Journal has written about our success on its blog and in the newspaper's business section. So have other major publications, such as the San Jose Mercury News and the San Francisco Chronicle.

Film Angels regularly features luminaries like Apple founder Steve Wozniak, AOL CEO Barry Schuler, and '90s pop sensation Lance Bass, to name a few. Internet giant Google even made its lavish headquarters available to us exclusively for an unprecedented pitch extravaganza, headlined by legendary rock icon Carlos Santana and billionaire venture capitalist Tim Draper, with appearances by Google's top management and its multibillionaire cofounder Sergey Brin.

**Unrivalled platform for the best and brightest.** With up to 1,000 investors in attendance at a time, Film Angels meetings have served as a powerful platform for the in-person pitches of many famous actors and celebrated filmmakers. Past highlights include Lori Petty, Sean Astin, David Lynch, Matt Smith, Adrian Grenier, Peter Krause, Danny Glover, David Arquette, Kristin Davis, Frank Darabont, Ajay Naidu, Ron Fricke, Barrie Osborne, and Eugene Roddenberry Jr.

We invite only accredited investors (per Rule 501 of Regulation D of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended) with an express interest in movies to attend these one-of-a-kind private events and to participate in thoroughly vetted investment opportunities.