



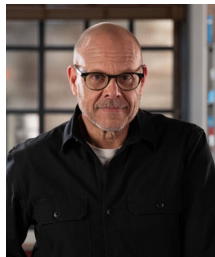
Tom Hanks, Alton Brown, and Padma Lakshmi Join the IDDBA 2023 General Session! Join us in Anaheim for this can't-miss event!



Tom Hanks is an award-winning actor, producer, director, and writer. He has starred in over 50 film including *SAVING PRIVATE RYAN*, *FORREST GUMP*, *BIG*, and *A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD*. In May, Hanks will publish his debut novel *THE MAKING OF ANOTHER MAJOR MOTION PICTURE*. He is also the creator of *HANX FOR OUR TROOPS*, which is a consumer packaged goods company with 100% of the profits benefiting veterans and their families.

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Peabody Award-winning cook, bestselling author, filmmaker, and TV personality Alton Brown is the beloved host of culinary classic shows like *Iron Chef America* and *Cutthroat Kitchen*. He created, wrote, and hosted *Good Eats* as a leader of the first Food Network generation, revolutionizing culinary programming. The king of culinary competitions will return to Netflix's reboot *Iron Chef: Quest for an Iron Legend*. Brown is known for numerous bestselling cookbooks, including *I'm Just Here for the Food*, *Alton Brown: EverydayCook*, as well as his *Good Eats* series – the fourth installment *Good Eats: The Final Years* became an instant *New York Times* bestseller.

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Padma Lakshmi is an Emmy-nominated food expert, television producer, host, and a *New York Times* best-selling author. She is the creator of the critically acclaimed Hulu series *Taste the Nation*, winner of the 2021 Critics Choice Award. *Taste the Nation* will return for a holiday seasonette in November 2021, and its second season will begin filming in early 2022. Lakshmi also serves as host and executive producer of Bravo's two-time Emmy-winning series *Top Chef*.

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