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### Almodovar, Trier among heavyweights on GFI board

Jeremy Kay in Los Angeles

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Pedro Almodovar, Lars von Trier, Cameroon's Jean-Pierre Bekolo and Mexico's Carlos Reygadas are among the Global Film Initiative's (GFI) new 15-strong film board of filmmakers and industry personnel.

GFI heads hope to spread the organisation's message of cross-cultural understanding through the appointees, a full list of whom appears below.

"Filmmakers in every corner of the world bring the rich texture of life into their work," GFI chair Susan Weeks Coulter said. "Our challenge is to introduce American audiences to their remarkable stories, as told in the international medium of cinema.

"We are delighted to welcome these leaders of independent filmmaking in support of this important work."

The charter members of The Global Film Initiative Film Board are:

Pedro Almodovar, Carlos Reygadas, Lucy Barreto (Brazil), Pierre Rissient (France), Jean-Pierre Bekolo, Lita Stantic (Argentina), Noah Cowan (Canada), Bela Tarr (Hungary), Sandra den Hamer (The Netherlands), Djamshed Usmonov (Tajikistan), Christopher Doyle (China), Lars von Trier, Adoor Gopalakrishnan (India), Apichatpong Weerasethakul (Thailand) and Rashid Masharawi (Palestine).

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