



## OPENING NIGHT

**16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION FILM FESTIVAL (UNAFF)  
KICKS OFF WITH THE THEME *INDIVIDUAL TO UNIVERSAL* ON OCTOBER 17**

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**Palo Alto, CA — The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual United Nations Association Film Festival (UNAFF)** will begin **THURSDAY, October 17** in historic downtown Palo Alto at the **Aquarius Theatre, 430 Emerson Street** with U.S. premieres of **ALIAS RUBY BLADE: A STORY OF LOVE AND REVOLUTION** and **TIMBAKTU** and a West Coast premiere of **ELEANOR ROOSEVELT: CLOSE TO HOME**.

The Festival opens on **Thursday, October 17** in Palo Alto with three films: **ELEANOR ROOSEVELT: CLOSE TO HOME (USA)** at 7:00pm; **TIMBAKTU (INDIA)** at 7:30pm; **ALIAS RUBY BLADE: A STORY OF LOVE AND REVOLUTION (EAST TIMOR/INDONESIA/USA)** at 8:10pm. All three films will be screened at the **Aquarius Theatre in Palo Alto**.

**ELEANOR ROOSEVELT: CLOSE TO HOME (USA)**, directed by the award winning filmmaker Anne Makepeace, is an overview of the inspirational life of one of the most important women in American history, Eleanor Roosevelt, and highlights her dedication as champion of social justice and racial equality. **FILMMAKER PRESENT.**

**TIMBAKTU (INDIA)**, directed by Rintu Thomas and Sushmit Ghosh. By showcasing the exemplary efforts of farmers of a tiny village in India, the film explores critical issues of food security and sovereignty. At its heart, this documentary looks at the relationship that a farmer shares with the land and the seeds and raises vital questions about food – the very essence of human life.

**ALIAS RUBY BLADE: A STORY OF LOVE AND REVOLUTION (EAST TIMOR/INDONESIA/USA)** directed by Alex Meillier. Intrigue. Romance. Revolution. This action-packed documentary chronicles the tumultuous birth of a new nation in East Timor through a never-before-seen perspective. Kirsty Sword, a young Australian

activist, aspired to be a documentary filmmaker, but instead became an underground operative for the Timorese resistance in Jakarta code named "Ruby Blade."  
FILMMAKERS PRESENT

After the screenings, the Opening Night Party will be held at Gravity Bistro and Wine Bar in Palo Alto, with a special performance by international recording artist, John Lester.

The Mayor of the City of Palo Alto Gregory Schraff will deliver opening remarks with all invited filmmakers and celebrities present.

The Opening Night is sponsored by FACT.

For the full program and details visit [www.unaff.org](http://www.unaff.org) or call 650-724-5544.