



Festival Name: **17<sup>th</sup> UNAFF** (*United Nations Association Film Festival*)  
Locations: **Palo Alto, East Palo Alto, San Francisco and Stanford University**  
Festival Dates: **October 16-26, 2014**  
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The **17<sup>th</sup> UNAFF** (United Nations Association Film Festival) from **October 16-26, 2014 Palo Alto, East Palo Alto, San Francisco and Stanford University** celebrates the power of documentary films dealing with human rights issues, the environment, racism, women's issues, universal education, war and peace. The theme for this year is **BRIDGING THE GAP**.

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Palo Alto - San Francisco - East Palo Alto - Stanford University

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UNAFF celebrates the power of films dealing with human rights, environmental themes, women's issues, population, homelessness, racism, children, health, universal education, war and peace. In the past sixteen years, UNAFF has attracted a broad audience from the San Francisco Bay Area with regards to ethnicity - many finding the screenings to be a rare chance to see the state of human rights and culture in their own native countries. UNAFF promotes education, awareness and social change through images, dialogue and action.

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UNAFF has received praise from academic, civic and community leaders for using the documentary film format to give voice to people who would otherwise go unheard, to highlight vastly different life experiences, and to awaken new understanding of major political, cultural and environmental issues.

UNAFF brings together the interests of human rights advancement and cinematic achievement for one of the oldest documentary-only film festivals in the United States. The 17<sup>th</sup> UNAFF will be held for eleven days - five days in Palo Alto, one day in East Palo Alto, one day in San Francisco in addition to four days of screenings on Stanford's campus. Also, by offering the very popular programs UNAFF & KIDS and UNAFF IN SCHOOLS and seven panel discussions during which renowned experts will elucidate topics such as climate change, the impact of social media and arts, how dance can transcend barriers of language and race, immigration and children, hate crime and LGBT issues, women poverty and inequality, interracial marriage and tolerance, human trafficking and modern slavery, scientific studies on the effect of meditation on the brain, philanthropy and social change and the passion for producing human rights documentaries.

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