



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### UNAFF & KIDS DAY

*Free Admission Sponsored by Revolutionary Foods*

*Screenings to be held at the Cubberley Community Center in Palo Alto on*

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17**

The seventh annual presentation of the **UNAFF & Kids Program** will take place on **Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>** continuing the UNAFF mission to promote social change through education. The day will include films about the effects of climate change through the eyes of young Norma, a Colorado community's response to catastrophic flooding and how to protect the Australia's world-class marine parks. After the screenings, parents and kids are invited to participate in a special event outside the theatre with food, activities focused on the environment and climate change, and live jazz music by local high-school jazz combo, *The Blues By Five*.

#### **NORMA'S STORY** (Canada)

*Norma's Story* is a true tale of change. It documents the effects of climate change on the environment, culture and food security of the Vuntut Gwitchin people of the Northern Yukon as seen through the eyes of Norma Kassi. Directed by Alex Hawley. 11:00am

#### **KNEE DEEP** (USA)

In September 2013, catastrophic floods struck Colorado's Front Range. Before the rain stopped, a small group of friends started shoveling and before long were running a large scale disaster response effort, despite little experience in disaster relief or volunteer organizations. Directed by Aly Nicklas. 11:15am **FILMMAKER PRESENT**

#### **AUSTRALIA'S MARINE PROTECTED AREAS: THE SEA & ME** (Australia)

Journey across a number of Australia's world-class marine parks to learn about how they support species like the highly priced and valued coral trout and lobsters, the graceful manta rays and the placid grey nurse shark. First-hand accounts of scientists, researchers, divers, tourist operators and fishermen who

have a story to share about the veranda of one of the world's greatest islands.  
Directed by James Sherwood and Danielle Ryan. 11:40am

For the full program, press material, photos and other details visit [www.unaff.org](http://www.unaff.org)

*The award winning UNAFF (the United Nations Association Film Festival) held annually in October at Stanford, Palo Alto, East Palo Alto and San Francisco, now in its 18th year has grown to be one of the oldest and most respected documentary film festivals in the United States. UNAFF was originally conceived to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It was founded by Stanford educator and film critic Jasmina Bojic with the participation of the Stanford Film Society and the UNA Midpeninsula Chapter.*

*In 2014 the ICFT (International Council for Film, Television and Audiovisual Communication of UNESCO) presented the UNESCO Fellini Medal to Jasmina Bojic, Founder and Executive Director of UNAFF, in recognition of her exceptional contribution in promoting the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights through the art of documentary film.*