



Please join us for a press conference announcing
The 19th UNAFF (United Nations Association Film Festival)
 In Palo Alto - San Francisco - East Palo Alto - Stanford University
 The theme for 2016 is "COMPASS FOR A BETTER WORLD"

UNAFF 2016 to screen **60 documentaries** for eleven days **October 20-30** spotlighting current events from across the globe including Afghanistan, Argentina, Cuba, Ethiopia, France, Germany, India, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Kenya, Nepal, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Syria, South Africa and the US.

Additional topics include:

climate change, the impact of industrial and military ocean noise on whales, gun control, the capture and counting of votes in our elections, the evolution of political media, efforts to restore violins recovered from the Holocaust, Islamic seminars for children, refugees using the power of theater, the future of our food, extinction of bees, homelessness, women in Internet technology, race on college campuses, the only health clinic that serves undocumented immigrants in the US, collateral damage in the War on Drugs, veterans mental health, and criminal justice.

TUESDAY, September 20th, 2016

World Affairs Council of Northern California
 312 Sutter Street, 2nd Floor, San Francisco, CA

5:15pm Reception (Light refreshments)

5:45pm Press Conference

Introductory remarks by UNAFF Founder and Executive Director Jasmina Bojic, who will present the festival trailer, program and filmmakers (Bay Area filmmakers present)

6:45pm Film Screening

OUT RUN

(75 minutes) *Philippines/US* - Directors/Producers: S. Leo Chiang, Johnny Symons
 As leader of the world's only LGBT political party, Bemz Benedito dreams of being the first transgender woman in the Philippine Congress. But in a predominantly Catholic nation, rallying for LGBT representation in the halls of Congress is not an easy feat. Taking their equality campaign to small-town hair salons and regional beauty pageants, the activists mobilize working-class trans hairdressers and beauty queens to join the fight against a homophobic evangelical preacher. But as outsiders trying to get inside the system, will they have to compromise their political ideals in order to win? Culminating on Election day, the film presents the challenges LGBT people face as they transition into the mainstream and fight for dignity, legitimacy, and acceptance across the globe.

8:00pm Q&A with the filmmakers

For more information, please contact UNAFF Publicist Meghan Hurder –
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Press kits and screening schedules
 will be available on the web site after the press conference
Please RSVP to info@unaff.org by September 16th