

UNA Midpeninsula Chapter presents: UNAFF for SENIORS
A Documentary Film Series | January - March 2016 | Free Admission

Conceived in 1998 at Stanford University by film critic and educator, Jasmina Bojic, in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the United Nations Association Film Festival (UNAFF) screens international documentaries dealing with topics such as human rights, environmental survival, women's issues, children, refugee protection, homelessness, racism, disease control, universal education, war and peace. By bringing together filmmakers, the academic community and the general public, UNAFF offers a unique opportunity for creative exchange and education among groups and individuals often separated by geography, ethnicity and economic constraints. www.unaff.org

Screening Location: Avenidas Senior Center, 450 Bryant St., Palo Alto (www.avenidas.org)

JANUARY 4, 2016 – MON, 2 PM: IRON LADIES OF LIBERIA

DIR: Daniel Junge, Siatta Scott Johnson

PROD: Henry Ansbacher, Jonathan Stack (Liberia/USA, 77 min)

After nearly two decades of brutal civil war, Liberia is a nation ready for change. On January 16, 2006, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf was inaugurated as the country's first elected female president and Africa's first freely elected female head of state. Despite massive support both in Liberia and abroad, Johnson Sirleaf must not only find ways to reform a corrupt authoritarian government saddled by astronomical debts, but must also confront opponents loyal to former President Charles Taylor—all without alienating her voter base. Since taking office, Johnson Sirleaf has appointed an unprecedented number of women to leadership positions in all areas of the Liberian government.



FEBRUARY 1, 2016 – MON, 2 PM: ONE GIRL AGAINST THE MAFIA

DIR: Marco Amenta (Italy, 58 min)

On November 5, 1991, a 17-year-old Sicilian named Rita Atria went to the anti-Mafia judge to seek vengeance for the murders of her father and brother, both of whom had been "Men of Honor" in the Mafia. It was the first time that a young woman from a family linked to the Mafia had broken the code of silence. From that moment on, Rita's days were numbered. Repudiated by her mother and boyfriend, threatened by the entire village, Rita was forced to abandon her native Sicily and go into hiding in Rome. Taken under the wing by judge Paolo Borsellino, Rita is confronted by the absurdity in life when both Paolo and the Judge Falcone are murdered.



MARCH 7, 2016 – MON, 2 PM: SOLDIERS IN THE ARMY OF GOD

DIR/PROID: Marc Levin and Daphne Pinkerson (USA, 70 min)

Since abortion was legalized in 1973, 7 people have been killed and more than 150 clinics bombed or set on fire by people who disagreed with Roe v. Wade. This film presents the tin soldiers who are behind more than 2,400 incidents of violence against doctors and abortion clinics in the past 28 years. This is a story about the people who are not exercising first amendment rights, they are not trying to "counsel" patients; they are not peaceful picketers. They are - intentionally, openly and usually without restraint - terrorizing and encouraging others to do the same. They celebrate murder and maiming, hold banquets and give awards lauding those guilty of arson, bombing and murder, as well as share how-to-manuals with instructions for building bombs and sniping. And yet it's all done as an act of faith.

