

UNA Midpeninsula Chapter presents: UNAFF for SENIORS
A Documentary Film Series | October – December 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)

OCTOBER 14, 2016 – FRI, 2 PM: LESSONS IN FEAR

DIR/PROD: James Cullingham (*Israel/Palestine, 52 min*)

Does the solution to the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians rest in the classroom rather than in the angry, fearful streets of the region? *Lessons in Fear* explores Israeli and Palestinian education from the ground up. In a media world obsessed with conflict, *Lessons in Fear* takes a humanized, behind-the-scenes look at how ordinary kids are educated in one of the world's trouble spots. The film looks carefully at the lives of students and teachers, who find themselves on the front lines intellectually and physically. Their challenges are a deeply engrained culture of violence, the denial of history and legacies of hatred, propaganda and segregation.



NOVEMBER 11, 2016 – FRI, 2 PM: THEY CHOSE CHINA

DIR/PROD: Shuibo Wang (*Canada/China, 52 min*)

In January 1954, months after the end of the Korean War, U.S. soldiers held in POW camps were at last free to return home. A small group refused repatriation to the U.S. and, after being given ninety days to reconsider their decision, twenty-one American soldiers decided to stay in China. Using rare archival footage, excerpts from American and Chinese TV programs, as well as period and contemporary interviews, *They Chose China* chronicles the fascinating history of this group of young Americans who were hailed in China as "peace fighters" and denounced in America as "turncoats" and "traitors."



DECEMBER 9, 2016 – FRI, 2 PM: HAPPY

DIR: Roko Belic **PROD: Eiji Han Shimizu**
(Bhutan/Brazil/Denmark/India/Japan/Namibia/USA, 75 min)

Does money make you happy? Kids and family? Your work? Do you live in a world that values and promotes happiness and wellbeing? Are we in the midst of a happiness revolution? Roko Belic, director of the Academy Award-nominated *Genghis Blues* now brings us *Happy*, a film that sets out to answer these questions and more. Taking us from the bayous of Louisiana to the deserts of Namibia, from the beaches of Brazil to the villages of Okinawa, *Happy* explores the secrets behind our most valued emotion.

