



Festival Name: **20th UNAFF** (*United Nations Association Film Festival*)
Locations: **Palo Alto, East Palo Alto, San Francisco and Stanford University**
Festival Dates: **October 19-29, 2017**
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The **20th UNAFF** (United Nations Association Film Festival) from **October 19-29, 2017 Palo Alto, East Palo Alto, San Francisco and Stanford University** celebrates the power of documentary films dealing with human rights issues, the environment, racism, health, women's issues, universal education, war and peace. The theme for this year is **RESPECT**.

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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 nineteen years, UNAFF has attracted a broad audience from the San Francisco Bay Area with many finding the screenings to be a rare chance to see the state of human rights and culture around the world and at home. UNAFF promotes education, awareness and social change through images, dialogue and action.

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Palo Alto - East Palo Alto – San Francisco – Stanford

Founded in 1998 by Jasmina Bojic, film critic and educator, UNAFF is an international documentary film festival originally established to honor the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It has grown and earned the respect of audiences and filmmakers alike for its fearless independence and integrity. In addition to providing early outlets for films, many of which later went on to win major awards and accolades, UNAFF prides itself in creating a community forum for discovery and dialogue about different cultures, social issues and solutions.

As one of the oldest documentary-only film festivals in the United States, UNAFF brings together the interests of human rights advancement and cinematic achievement. The 20th UNAFF will be held for eleven days – four days in Palo Alto, one day in East Palo Alto, two days in San Francisco and four days on Stanford's campus. **UNAFF 2017** will present documentaries from **October 19-29** spotlighting current events from across the globe including its very popular programs UNAFF & KIDS and UNAFF IN SCHOOLS and will host seven panel discussions during which renowned experts will elucidate topics such as climate change, the impact of social media and arts, universal primary education, gender equality, hate crime and LGBT issues, philanthropy and social change and the passion for producing human rights documentaries.

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