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UNAFF & KIDS DAY

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Screenings to be held at the Mitchell Park Community Center in Palo Alto on
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

The ninth annual presentation of the **UNAFF & Kids Program** will take place on **Saturday, October 21st** continuing the UNAFF mission to promote social change through education. The day will include films about a son continuing his father's work in his studio making traditional baskets and an animated African tale from the imaginations of five orphaned children in Swaziland. After the screenings, parents and kids are invited to participate in a special event outside the theatre with live jazz music by local high-school jazz combo, The Blues By Five.

MY FATHER'S TOOLS (Canada)

In honor of his father, Stephen continues the production of traditional baskets. He thus finds peace in his studio, in connection with the man who taught him the work. Directed by Heather Condo. 11:15am

LIYANA (Swaziland/USA)

A Swazi girl embarks on a dangerous quest to rescue her young twin brothers. This animated African tale is born in the imaginations of five orphaned children in Swaziland who collaborate to tell a story of perseverance drawn from their darkest memories and brightest dreams. Their fictional character's journey is interwoven with poetic and observational documentary scenes to create a genre-defying celebration of collective storytelling. Co-directed by Aaron Kopp and Amanda Kopp. 11:30am. **Filmmaker Present**

For the full program, press material, photos and other details visit 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 20th 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.

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.