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UNAFF's 20 YEARS OF PROMOTING RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS THROUGH DOCUMENTARY FILMMAKING

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION FILM FESTIVAL (UNAFF) CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF GROUNDBREAKING DOCUMENTARIES WITH 60 FILMS FROM ACROSS THE GLOBE THAT WILL CHANGE YOUR VIEW OF THE WORLD
*7 WORLD PREMIERES AND 19 US PREMIERES TO BE SCREENED
OCTOBER 19-29 WITH THE THEME OF "RESPECT"*

PALO ALTO, CA (September 19, 2017) The United Nations Association Film Festival (UNAFF) is delighted to announce its program for the 20th year.

In the eleven days UNAFF will present documentaries from **October 19-29** spotlighting current events from across the globe including Afghanistan, Australia, Cameroon, Canada, China, Colombia, Cuba, France, Germany, Haiti, India, Iraq, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Mali, Mexico, Namibia, Nepal, Pakistan, Peru, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, South Korea, Swaziland, Syria, Tunisia, Uganda and the US.

Some of the topics covered by the films include climate change, gender testing in female athletes, social roots enabling the Holocaust, human consequences of US immigration policies, an unconditional basic income, African immigrants in China, children and gun violence, refugees using the power of photography, homelessness, rape in society and as a weapon of war, the last Jews in Baghdad, acid attack victims, the prison population in America, a capital punishment doctor's ethics, honor killings of women in Arab and Palestinian society.

This year's theme **RESPECT** continues our two decades long celebration of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with the reminder that it applies to everyone.

From October 19-29, the films will be screened in various Bay Area locations: Palo Alto, Stanford University, East Palo Alto and San Francisco.

UNAFF is committed not only to presenting films, but also providing opportunities for audience members to engage in ongoing dialogue about the subjects at hand. In addition to 60 filmmakers available for Q&A, **seven FREE panel discussions** will take place during the course of the Festival covering the crossroads of civil rights, fear, prejudice, race, arts and social change, and the intersection of health and ethics.

UNAFF's mission has expanded to broad, year round programs that augment its reach. In addition to the annual film festival, UNAFF organizes panel discussions, initiates programs that engage children, students, seniors, veterans, hosts a traveling festival which keeps the films alive well beyond their initial festival showings and opens its doors to documentary film students and researchers.

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.