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OPENING NIGHT

21st ANNUAL UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION FILM FESTIVAL (UNAFF) KICKS OFF WITH THE THEME *TOMORROW?* ON OCTOBER 18 AND THE MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION TO THE 21st UNAFF AS ONE OF THE OLDEST PURELY DOCUMENTARY FILM FESTIVALS IN THE USA WHICH EDUCATES AND ENGAGES LOCAL COMMUNITY

Palo Alto, CA (September 18, 2018) The 21st Annual United Nations Association Film Festival (UNAFF) will begin **THURSDAY, October 18** in historic downtown Palo Alto at the **Aquarius Theatre, 430 Emerson Street** with three films: **LITTLE FIEL** (Mozambique/USA) at 6:30pm; **THE FLIGHT OF THE CONDOR** (Bolivia/France/Iceland/Peru/USA) at 7:00pm; **POISONING PARADISE** (USA) at 7:45pm.

LITTLE FIEL (*Mozambique/USA*), directed and produced by Irina Patkanian. Guns are not killers. They are pieces of metal that can be reassembled into anything, including a little boy, a bird or a rose. Just as they make them, we can un-make them, one by one.

THE FLIGHT OF THE CONDOR (*Bolivia/France/Iceland/Peru/USA*), co-directed by Áslaug Einarsdóttir and Valdimar Hafstein. The film traces the global circulation of the melody 'El Condor Pasa': from the Andes mountains to global metropolises; from Lima to Paris to New York, and back; from panpipes to piano and from symphony orchestras to the disco; from indigenous to popular music; and from

world music back to national heritage. Some of the protagonists are: Paul Simon, Art Garfunkel, Daniel Aloma Robles, Los Incas, the Falangist Socialist Party of Bolivia, Chuck Berry, NASA and UNESCO.

POISONING PARADISE (USA), co-directed by Keely Shaye Brosnan and Teresa Tico. Journey to the seemingly idyllic world of Native Hawaiians, whose communities are surrounded by experimental test sites for genetically engineered seed corn and pesticides sprayed upwind of their homes, schools, hospitals, and shorelines. Discover what's at stake for Hawaii from local activists, scientific experts and healthcare professionals as they expose the effects of environmental injustice on a local population. Filmmaker present.

The Mayor of the City of Palo Alto Liz Kniss will deliver opening remarks with all invited filmmakers present. Opening Night is generously sponsored by iTalico.

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 21st 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.