Festival Name: **22nd UNAFF** (United Nations Association Film Festival)

Locations: Palo Alto, East Palo Alto, San Francisco and Stanford University

Festival Dates: **October 17-27, 2019** For more information: **www.unaff.org**

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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. Over its 21 years UNAFF and its year-round programs have 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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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 **22**nd **UNAFF** will be held for eleven days – six days in Palo Alto, one day in East Palo Alto, one day in San Francisco and three days on Stanford's campus. **UNAFF 2019** will present 60 documentaries spotlighting current events from across the globe including its very popular programs UNAFF AND KIDS and UNAFF IN SCHOOLS and hosted six panel discussions during which renowned experts elucidated topics such as tribal justice, how fast fashion is polluting our planet, microbes resistant to antibiotics, how time has become money, women's rights and the confluence of religious belief and medical practice, law enforcement and mental illness, future of borders and military spending, gender equality, campaigns to combat loneliness among the elderly, why prisoners are painting, philanthropy and social change and the passion for producing human rights documentaries.

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