



Please join us for a press conference announcing
The 22nd UNAFF (United Nations Association Film Festival)
In Palo Alto - San Francisco - East Palo Alto - Stanford University
The theme for 2019 is **“SCALES OF JUSTICE”**

UNAFF 2019 to screen **60 documentaries** for eleven days **October 17-27** spotlighting current events from across the globe including Afghanistan, Angola, Australia, Bangladesh, Canada, China, Congo, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Lebanon, Mexico, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Palestine, Pakistan, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Syria, Tanzania, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Venezuela, UK and the US.

Additional topics include: the use of art and music as rehabilitation in prisons; two strong Native American women, both judges, modeling restorative justice in action; a city's campaign against loneliness of their elderly citizens; how fast fashion is polluting our planet; an artist's response to the Sonoma wildfires - repurposing the remains of his community; an intimate look at a small group of rangers protecting the world's last male northern white rhino; survivor stories from the Christchurch massacre, New Zealand's worst terror attack; a viral campaign for gun control on a college campus; one man's quest to counteract voter suppression in America; an in-depth look at a town of an immigration detention center in Georgia; how time has become money; women's rights and the confluence of religious belief and medical practice; law enforcement and mental illness; a Baltimore child who experienced intermittent homelessness but went on to become a world-class symphony musician and professor; the global antibiotics resistance crisis and being transgender in the military.

TUESDAY, September 17th, 2019

World Affairs Council of Northern California
312 Sutter Street, 2nd Floor, San Francisco, CA

5:15pm Reception (Light refreshments)

5:45pm Press Conference

Introductory remarks by UNAFF Founder and Executive Director Jasmina Bojic, who will present the festival trailer, program and filmmakers (Bay Area filmmakers present)

6:30pm Film Screening

AI WEIWEI: YOURS TRULY

(78 min) USA

Directors: Cheryl Haines, Gina Leibrecht (co-director)

Producers: Cassandra Jabola, Christy McGill

The story of the film *Ai Weiwei: Yours Truly* begins with the remarkable exhibition *@Large: Ai Weiwei on Alcatraz*, organized in 2014 by director Cheryl Haines, founder of San Francisco's FOR-SITE Foundation. Following Ai Weiwei's detention at the hands of the Chinese authorities, the outspoken artist and activist transformed the former island penitentiary of Alcatraz into an artistic platform. The resulting exhibition engaged nearly 900,000 visitors in a conversation about the plight of prisoners of conscience around the world.

8:00pm Q&A with the filmmakers

For more information, please contact UNAFF Publicist

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Press kits and screening schedules
will be available on the web site after the press conference

Please RSVP to info@unaff.org by September 14th