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## Please join us for a press conference announcing The 24th UNAFF (United Nations Association Film Festival) "MOVING FORWARD"

UNAFF 2021 will be held over eleven days, October 21-31, and will present 60 documentaries created by 64% women directors and producers, from all over the world. One of the oldest documentary film festivals in the US, this year's United Nations Association Film Festival will spotlight current events from across the globe, including Afghanistan, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, Congo, Cuba, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Netherlands, Norway, Palestine, Pakistan, Poland, Russia, Spain, South Sudan, Sweden, Syria, Turkey, Venezuela, UK, US and Yemen.

Additional topics include:

The longest US war — 20 years in Afghanistan; Barbara Lee, a steadfast voice for human rights, peace and economic and racial justice in the US Congress; decades of Cuba's isolation; behind the coup in Iran in 1953; how Jimmy Carter's selfless leadership and moral integrity ultimately cost him the presidency; climate change and wildfires; mental health and sports; the first woman conductor and music director of a major symphony; the first all-women band to release an LP with a major record label; illegal sterilizations in women's prisons; criminal justice reforms; rare insight into the ways information is controlled; refugee resettlement program; homelessness and pandemic; hunger-stricken children in Yemen; young victims of the war against the Islamic State; a gay immigrant from China during the pandemic; bringing basic healthcare to people in the developing world; connecting the brain of a paralyzed man to a computer; creativity and disability; and legendary 99-year-old African American park ranger Betty Reid Soskin's inspiring life, work and urgent mission to restore critical missing chapters of America's story.

## **VIRTUAL PRESS CONFERENCE**

WEDNESDAY, **September 22**, 2021, **4:00PM PDT** online Zoom presentation

Introductory remarks by UNAFF Founder and Executive Director Jasmina Bojic, who will present the festival trailer, program, and filmmakers, with special guests

For more information, please contact UNAFF Publicist Steve Indig <a href="mailto:publicist@unaff.org">publicist@unaff.org</a> or visit <a href="www.unaff.org">www.unaff.org</a> Press kits and screening schedules will be available on the web site after the press conference

Please RSVP to <u>publicist@unaff.org</u> by September 20<sup>th</sup>
Zoom link will be emailed prior to September 22, to all those who RSVP