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25th UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION FILM FESTIVAL (UNAFF) OCTOBER 20– 30, 2022 WRAPS WITH AWARDS AND CLOSING NIGHT PARTY ON OCTOBER 30

Awarded films reflect the issues of homelessness, gun violence in schools, girl marriages, blindness and nature, reproductive rights before and after Roe v. Wade

WINNER OF UNAFF GRAND JURY AWARD FOR BEST DOCUMENTARY: *US KIDS*

The United Nations Association Film Festival (UNAFF), in its 25th year, held its closing day of documentary films on October 30, 2022, finishing 11 days of in-person film screenings and panel discussions. Following three sessions of film programs, UNAFF presented its closing party and ceremony, including announcement of its juried film awards, and bestowing the previously announced UNAFF Visionary Award.

The annual UNAFF Visionary Award was presented to well-known documentary filmmaker and human rights activist [Dorothy Fadiman](#). UNAFF has screened several of Dorothy's film, including [WHEN ABORTION WAS ILLEGAL: UNTOLD STORIES](#), shown in 2004. Dorothy was on hand for the timely final Closing Night film THE JANES, for which she made an important contribution, by donating her interview footage shot in 1995 with Ruth Sural and Jody Parsons, the Jane founders, who are now deceased.

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The following films received this year's UNAFF Grand Jury Awards:

Best Documentary:

[US KIDS](#)

Best Short Documentary:

[FOG](#)

Best Cinematography:

Komeil Soheil

[COEXIST](#)

Best Editing:
Kristen Huntley
[THE JANES](#)

Youth Vision Award
[KICKING BALLS](#)

ABOUT UNAFF

The award-winning United Nations Association Film Festival 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 addition to providing early outlets for films, many of which have gone on to win major awards and accolades, UNAFF takes pride in creating a community forum for discovery and dialogue about different cultures, social issues and solutions. Over the years UNAFF has screened some of the most awarded and talked about documentaries in the industry, including eight that went on to win Academy Awards and thirty-four that were nominated. 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.

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.