



UNAFF (United Nations Association Film Festival) Celebrates 26 Years of Promoting Respect for Human Rights Through Documentary Filmmaking

PRESENTING 60 FILMS THAT WILL CHANGE YOUR VIEW OF THE WORLD

- 3 World Premieres
- 12 US Premieres
- 40+ Filmmakers in Attendance
- 6 Free Panel Discussions
- 4 Locations: *Palo Alto, East Palo Alto, San Francisco, Stanford University*

October 12, 2023 - The United Nations Association Film Festival (UNAFF) will present 60 documentaries and host six panel discussions at this year's 26th annual event taking place **October 19-29, 2023** in **Palo Alto, East Palo Alto, San Francisco, and at Stanford University**. Films spotlight events, stories, and destinies from across the world. Panel discussions feature renowned experts who will speak to topics such as climate change, racism and hate, criminal justice reform, immigration, homelessness, creativity and disability, women issues and the power of art to transform consciousness and inspire social change.

"Our democracy is under attack and the world is in flames. We believe that the best shield is knowledge. For many, UNAFF is providing a priceless opportunity for just that—the perfect antidote to fabricated news information with an educated community that is inoculated against its allure."

Jasmina Bojic, Founder and Executive Director of UNAFF

Bojic was recently honored during the **78th Session of the UN General Assembly** in New York with "Human Kind Institute 'Impact Through Film' Award".

She was recognized for her relentless efforts in paving a brighter, more sustainable future and embodying the goals set forth by the United Nations. Other recipients recognized this year include the Mayor of New York City Eric Adams and the President of Malawi, H.E. Lazarus Chakwera.

For his work with the UN, the **26th UNAFF Visionary Award** will be presented to Academy Award winner and UN Messenger of Peace, **Michael Douglas**. He has strengthened peace and security by advocating gun control, protecting children in war zones, halting the illegal trade of arms, eliminating nuclear weapons, and promoting cooperation among nations through the peaceful use of nuclear energy. Douglas is featured in DOWNWIND, the Closing Night Film at this year's festival, directed by Mark Samuel Shapiro and Douglas Brian Miller.

Find out more about the themes from this year's festival program, meet the filmmakers and subjects of their films, and hear experts debate the issues by joining us during the 11 days of the festival. We guarantee that you will learn something new, be intrigued, surprised and inspired!

- **Program:** <http://www.unaff.org/2023/schedule.html>
- **Tickets:** <http://www.unaff.org/2023/tickets.html>
- **Support UNAFF:** <http://www.unaff.org/2023/support.html>
- **Volunteering:** <http://www.unaff.org/2023/volunteers.html>

LISTING DETAILS

Festival Name: 26th UNAFF (United Nations Association Film Festival)

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

Festival Dates: October 19-29, 2023

More Information: <http://www.unaff.org/2023/schedule.html>

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