



THE 26th UNAFF (United Nations Association Film Festival) BEGINS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19 THIS YEAR'S THEME IS "SOLUTIONS"

**PALO ALTO MAYOR TO PRESENT ON OPENING NIGHT FOR ONE OF THE
OLDEST DOCUMENTARY FILM FESTIVALS IN THE NATION, WHICH ALSO
EDUCATES AND ENGAGES LOCAL COMMUNITY**

October 17, 2023 - The United Nations Association Film Festival (UNAFF) will begin its 26th annual presentation on **Thursday, October 19, 2023** at **Mitchell Park Community Center**, 3700 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, California. The festival includes 60 documentaries and six panel discussions around the theme, "**Solutions.**" It takes place October 19-29 in Palo Alto, East Palo Alto, San Francisco, and Stanford University. Opening Night kicks off with a proclamation to the festival and welcome remarks from **Palo Alto Mayor Lydia Kou**.

5:30 PM Opening Night Reception, *sponsored by Coupa Cafe and Terun Restaurant*, music by the *Potential Jazz Ensemble*

6:00 PM Opening Night Proclamation & Introduction, presented by Mayor Lydia Kou and followed by remarks from the filmmakers of CELEBRATING 15, WATERMAN, and STILL WORKING 9 TO 5 as we proceed with the film presentations and our exploration into this year's theme, "Solutions"

Opening Night Film Presentations

CELEBRATING 15, directed by Atanur Nabiyevea

The Akerovs are preparing to celebrate their daughter's 15th birthday. They don't know that a missile attack is about to destroy their lives.

WATERMAN, directed by Isaac Halasima

Native Hawaiian Duke Paoa Kahanamoku shattered records and brought surfing to the world while overcoming a lifetime of personal challenges. *Narrated by Jason Momoa.*

STILL WORKING 9 TO 5, directed by Camille Hardman, Gary Lane

It was a high grossing comedy starring Jane Fonda, Dolly Parton, Dabney Coleman, and Lily Tomlin. But now, workplace inequality is no longer a laughing matter. What does the evolution of women's rights in the workplace 40 years after the movie "9 to 5" look like?

Founder and Executive Director Jasmina Bojic states, "*UNAFF looks to emphasize strategies and approaches that offer solutions to the world's current burning problems in this year's festival presentation.*" The festival theme, "Solutions," continues the enduring devotion that the United Nations Association Film Festival has for the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, currently celebrating its 75th anniversary.

Festival Program: <http://www.unaff.org/2023/schedule.html>

List of Films: <http://www.unaff.org/2023/films.html>

Press Assets: <http://www.unaff.org/2023/press.html>

Tickets: Opening Night Reception on Thursday, October 19th is a special event priced at \$60. General admission tickets for the festival are \$15-20 per film session. Students are free as space permits with a valid student ID. UNAFF panel discussions are free admission. A festival pass is \$220. A senior festival pass is discounted at \$60. Find more information: <http://www.unaff.org/2023/tickets.html>.

For screener requests or more information, please contact publicist2023@unaff.org.

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

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