



## FILMMAKERS AND SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS DISCUSS “SOLUTIONS” AT FREE PANEL DISCUSSIONS AS PART OF UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION FILM FESTIVAL (UNAFF)

SIX FREE PANEL DISCUSSIONS OFFERED DURING UNAFF, OCTOBER 19-29, FOCUSED ON CLIMATE CHANGE, CIVIL RIGHTS, HEALTH, RELIGION AND STATE, ART, AND WAR

**October 20, 2023** – The 26<sup>th</sup> edition of the United Nations Association Film Festival (UNAFF) includes six panel discussions featuring filmmakers and subject matter experts. These panels are offered at free admission to the general public and revolve around the festival’s theme this year, “Solutions.” Tickets are not required for these panels, but seating is first come, first serve. For more information, please visit <http://www.unaff.org/>.

UNAFF held its opening night at the Mitchell Park Community Center with remarks from Mayor Lydia Kou yesterday. The festival continues until October 29, 2023 taking place in Palo Alto, East Palo Alto, San Francisco, and Stanford University.

Below are panel discussions scheduled to take place during the festival.

*Sunday, October 22, 3:00 PM*

### **CLIMATE CHANGE CHALLENGES**

Mitchell Park Community Center, 3700 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303

#### **Panelists:**

- [Patrick Burt](#), Palo Alto Council Member and Former Mayor of Palo Alto
- [Kati Eriksen](#), director/producer of [HOME RIVER](#)
- [Scott Thornton](#), director/producer of [HOME RIVER](#)
- [Nicole Watson](#), director of [LIGHT](#)
- [Beryl Omondi](#), producer of [LIGHT](#)

*Monday, October 23, 6:15PM*

### **THE POWER OF CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENTS**

Mitchell Park Community Center, 3700 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto

#### **Panelists:**

- [Clayborne Carson](#), Stanford Professor of History, Director of Martin Luther King, Jr. Research and Education Institute, and subject in [MOVE WHEN THE SPIRIT SAYS MOVE](#)

- [Gina Margillo](#), director of [OVERTOWN'S LIVING LEGACY](#)
- [Deborah C Hoard](#), director/product of [MOVE WHEN THE SPIRIT SAYS MOVE](#)
- Nyla Melvin, director of [A GUNSHOT'S CRY](#)

*Tuesday, October 24, 6:20 PM*

### **SOLVING HEALTH CRISES**

Stanford Medical School, Alway Building, Room Alway M106  
300 Pasteur Drive, Stanford, CA 94305

#### **Panelists:**

- [Lisa Hepner](#), director/producer of [THE HUMAN TRIAL](#)
- [Christian Bruno](#), director/producer of [YOU ALWAYS SEE MYSELF](#)
- [Natalija Vekic](#), director/producer of [YOU ALWAYS SEE MYSELF](#)

*Thursday, October 26, 6:40 PM*

### **THE WAYS WE LOOK AT ART, CREATIVE SPACE, AND HISTORY**

Stanford University, Anderson Collection, 314 Lomita Drive, Stanford, CA 94305

#### **Panelists:**

- [Alan Snitow](#), director/producer of [TOWN DESTROYER](#)
- [Deborah Kaufman](#), director/producer of [TOWN DESTROYER](#)
- [Polina Herman](#), producer of [KING LEAR: HOW WE LOOKED FOR LOVE DURING THE WAR](#)

*Friday, October 27, 6:30 PM*

### **MAKING PEACE DURING WAR**

Mitchell Park Community Center, 3700 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303

#### **Panelists:**

- [Roger Stahl](#), director/producer of [THEATERS OF WAR](#)
- [William Farley](#), director/producer of [I WANTED TO BE A MAN WITH A GUN](#)
- Thomas Johnson, director of [EVANGELICALS FROM FAITH TO POWER](#)

*Saturday, October 28, 6:00 PM*

### **RELIGION AND STATE**

Mitchell Park Community Center, 3700 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303

#### **Panelists:**

- [Sebastian Kaempf](#), Senior Lecturer in Peace and Conflict at the University of Queensland, Australia
  - Thomas Johnson, director of [EVANGELICALS FROM FAITH TO POWER](#)
  - [Annette King](#), director/producer of [FEAR NOT](#)
  - [Drew Chavez](#), Develop and Creative Distribution at Splicer Films
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**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:** 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 not ticketed and are first-come, first serve. A festival pass is \$220. A senior festival pass is discounted at \$60. Find more information: <http://www.unaff.org/2023/tickets.html>.

## **ABOUT UNAFF**

Founded in 1998 by Jasmina Bojic, film critic and educator, UNAFF (United Nations Association Film Festival) is an international documentary film festival originally established to honor the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. 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-five that were nominated. For more information about UNAFF, please visit [http://www.unaff.org/2023/files/UNAFF2023\\_About.pdf](http://www.unaff.org/2023/files/UNAFF2023_About.pdf).

The 26th UNAFF will be held from October 19-29, 2023 exploring the theme SOLUTIONS. UNAFF celebrates the power of films dealing with human rights, including environmental themes, women's issues, racism, child welfare, war and peace. Over its 25 years, UNAFF and its year-round programs have attracted a broad audience from around the Bay Area, with many finding the screenings to be a rare chance to engage with different cultures and see the state of human rights around the world and at home. UNAFF promotes education, awareness, and social change through images, dialogue, and action.