



Festival Name: **29th UNAFF** (*United Nations Association Film Festival*)

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

Festival Dates: **October 15-25, 2026**

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The **29th UNAFF** (United Nations Association Film Festival) will be held from **October 15-25, 2026**. This year's theme, **PASSION FOR CHANGE**, continues our devotion to human rights with an emphasis on the energy, foresight and courage required to respond wisely to the increasing pace and challenges of our times.

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Founded in 1998 by Jasmina Bojic, film critic and Stanford 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. The **29th UNAFF** will be held from **October 15-25, 2026** exploring the theme **PASSION FOR CHANGE**.

UNAFF celebrates the power of films dealing with human rights, including environmental themes, women's issues, racism, child welfare, war and peace. Over its 28 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 visual storytelling, dialogue, and action.

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As one of the oldest documentary-only film festivals in the United States, UNAFF brings together the interests of human rights advancement and cinematic achievement. The **29th UNAFF** will be held for eleven days. It will present documentaries spotlighting current events from across the globe, including through its very popular programs UNAFF & Kids and UNAFF In Schools, and will host six panel discussions during which renowned experts will discuss topics such as AI, ethics and truth, climate change, different faces of religion, racism and hate, immigration, homelessness, creativity and mental health, women issues, war and peace and the power of art to transform consciousness and inspire social change.

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