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UNAFF Visionary Award Honors Actor Jeff Bridges

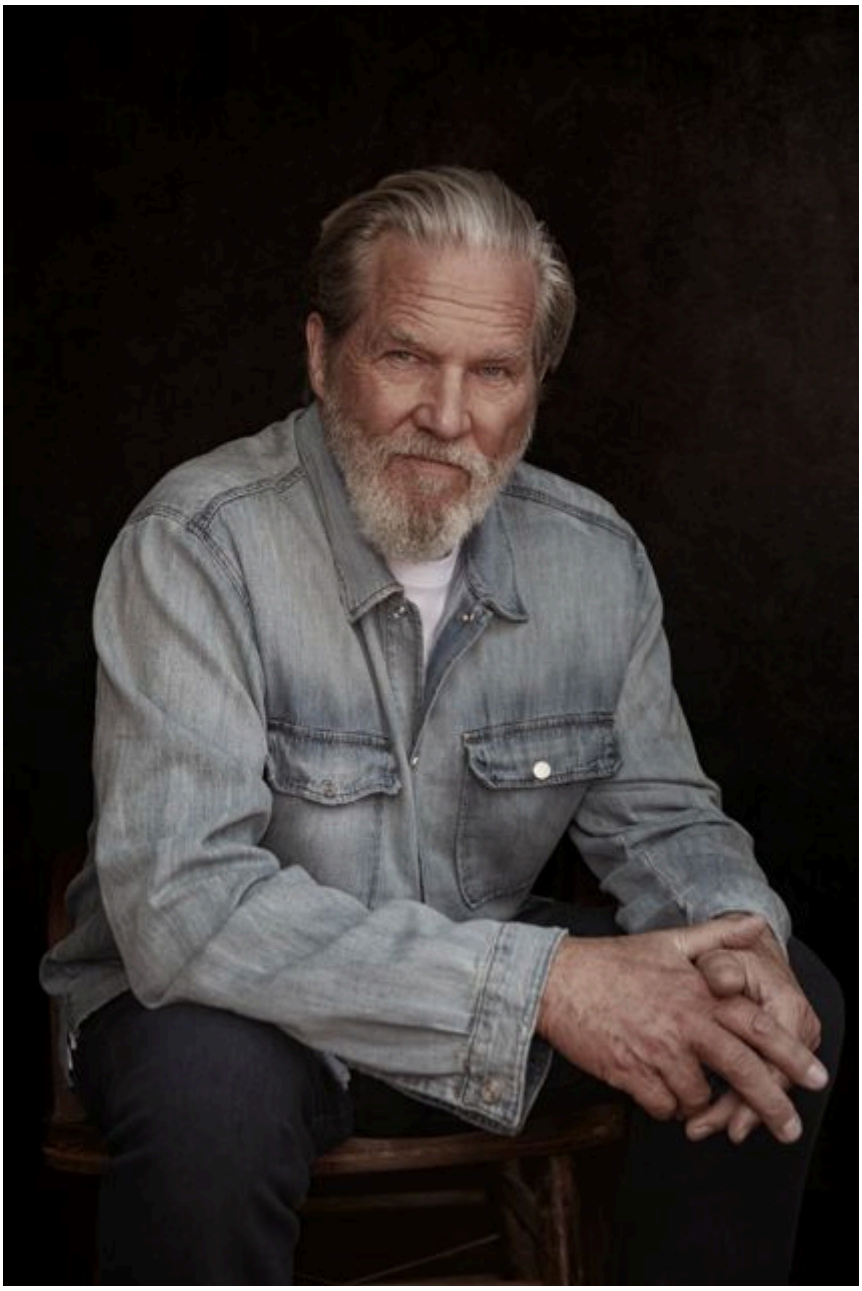


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The 29th United Nations Association Film Festival (UNAFF) is proud to present **Jeff Bridges** with its annual **Visionary Award**.

The 29th UNAFF Visionary Award will be presented to Academy Award-winning actor, director and environmentalist Jeff Bridges for his commitment to fighting childhood hunger, protecting rainforests and Indigenous cultures, and using documentary film as a vehicle for activism.

In his acceptance message, Bridges expressed gratitude and respect working with filmmaker Susan Kucera, with whom he previously collaborated on *Living in the Future's Past*. Kucera's latest film,*In the Company of Wolves: An American Journey*, written by Anna Kirsch, will be featured on UNAFF's Closing Night. The film explores humanity's relationship with wolves and the wild creatures with whom we share the planet.

> "I've always admired the way she uses film to help us look more closely at our relationship with the natural world—and with each other," Bridges wrote. "We're not separate from nature. We're part of it. We really are all in this together."

He joins previous Visionary Award recipients, including Michael Douglas, Matthew Modine, Reps. Anna Eshoo and Barbara Lee, Harry Belafonte, Joan Baez, Dorothy Fadiman, William Draper III, Franklin "Pitch" Johnson, Juliette Feeney-Timsit and former United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

Media Availability: Director Susan Kucera is available for interviews about *In the Company of Wolves: An American Journey*, her collaboration with Jeff Bridges and the film's environmental themes. Select interview opportunities with Jeff Bridges may also be available, subject to approval and scheduling.

For media inquiries and interview requests, please contact: publicity@unaff.org.

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About UNAFF
Founded in 1998 by Jasmina Bojic, the United Nations Association Film Festival (UNAFF) is an international documentary festival focused on human rights. It has screened award-winning films, including eight Academy Award winners. Over the years, UNAFF has screened some of the most acclaimed and talked-about documentaries in the industry, including eight that went on to win Academy Awards and 38 that were nominated. UNAFF promotes education and social change through film. Visit unaff.org.

About the 29th UNAFF
The 98th UNAFF runs Oct. 16–26, 2025, with the theme *Passion for Change*. The festival features films on human rights issues like the environment, women's rights, racism, and peace, engaging a diverse Bay Area audience.

LISTING DETAILS

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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