



CLOSING NIGHT

17th ANNUAL UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION FILM FESTIVAL (UNAFF) COMES TO A CLOSE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 WITH FILMS ABOUT THE ISRAELI/PALESTINE CONFLICT – ELECTRONIC WASTE – A FILM STUDIO PRODUCING THE ONLY COMMERCIALS IN THE FORMER SOVIET UNION – JFK, NIKITA KRUSHCEV AND FIDEL CASTRO - AND HIDDEN SEXUAL ASSAULT IN PAKISTAN

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CLOSING NIGHT PARTY AT GARDEN COURT HOTEL

PAKISTAN'S HIDDEN SHAME (*Pakistan/UK*)

In towns and cities across Pakistan, tens of thousands of young boys have become the victims of pedophile predators with nothing to fear from the law. In a society where women are hidden from view and young girls deemed untouchable, the bus stations, truck stops and alleyways have become the hunting ground for perverted men to prey on the innocent. Directed by Mohammed Naqvi. 2:00pm at **Cubberley Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. FILMMAKER PRESENT**

JFK: A PRESIDENT BETRAYED (*Austria/Germany/Russia/USA*)

Some of the President John F. Kennedy bold actions provoked extreme resentment from his own top military advisors. Narrated by Academy Award-winner Morgan Freeman, this film uncovers new evidence that reveals how John F. Kennedy reversed years of entrenched US government policy to embark on secret back-channel peace efforts with Nikita Khrushchev, Fidel Castro and other sworn American enemies. Directed by Cory Taylor. 3:00pm at **Cubberley Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. FILMMAKERS PRESENT**

THE GOLD SPINNERS (*Estonia*)

It is a story of the film studio, which was the only enterprise producing commercials in the Soviet Union. It might have been born in the head of one man, but during its heyday the studio provided employment for hundreds of people and its clips won over millions. And all this in the socialist empire, under the conditions of planned economy and universal lack of everything. Directed by

Hardi Volmer. 4:45pm at **Cubberley Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. FILMMAKER PRESENT**

THE E-WASTE TRAGEDY (*China/Ghana/Spain*)

Every year, up to fifty million tons of electronic waste -computers, television sets, mobile phones, household appliances - are thrown away by consumers in the developed countries. Seventy-five percent of this waste disappears from the legal recycling circuit, much of it dumped illegally in the Third World. This investigation shows the greedy, corrupt, illegal commerce behind this type of waste. Directed by Cosima Dannoritzer. 6:00pm at **Cubberley Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto.**

A PEOPLE WITHOUT A LAND (*Israel/Palestine/USA*)

For decades, the prevailing wisdom has been that the solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict would come in the form of a two-state solution. Typically, this is formulated as an Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank and the establishment of a Palestinian state there and in the Gaza Strip. Unfortunately, with half a million Israeli settlers living throughout the West Bank and millions of Palestinian refugees demanding to return to their homes in Israel, the two-state solution no longer seems practical. Directed by Eliyahu Ungar-Sargon. 7:30pm at **Cubberley Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. FILMMAKERS PRESENT**

The closing night film will be followed by an Awards Ceremony at 9:00pm.

9:30 PM Closing Night Party • Music by Potential Jazz Ensemble

sponsored by Garden Court Hotel

For the full program, press material, photos and other details visit www.unaff.org

The award winning UNAFF (the United Nations Association Film Festival) held annually in October at Stanford, Palo Alto, East Palo Alto and San Francisco, now in its 17th year has grown to be one of the oldest and most respected documentary film festivals in the United States. UNAFF was originally conceived to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It was founded by Stanford educator and film critic Jasmina Bojic with the participation of the Stanford Film Society and the UNA Midpeninsula Chapter.

In 2014 the ICFT (International Council for Film, Television and Audiovisual Communication of UNESCO) presented the UNESCO Fellini Medal to Jasmina Bojic, Founder and Executive Director of UNAFF, in recognition of her exceptional contribution in promoting the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights through the art of documentary film.