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## UN Women USA San Francisco Bay Area Chapter Will Host Fourth Global Voices Film Festival

(San Francisco, CA) September 2021 — [UN Women USA San Francisco Bay Area Chapter](#), a non-profit chapter which educates and engages local communities about global women’s issues, announced the launch of its fourth [Global Voices Film Festival](#) today. The film festival, which showcases untold stories, emerging voices and unique experiences of women around the world, will take place virtually and hold live streaming events via Eventive on Sept. 15 and 18, 2021. The entire slate will also be available on VOD (video on demand) via Eventive from Sept. 13 to Sept 18. Therefore, you can join the festival from any part of the world within the comfort of your home.

This year’s festival includes [15 independent films](#) — three feature-length films and 12 shorts — written, produced and directed by groundbreaking women filmmakers. From emphasizing the importance of reproductive rights to breaking stigmas placed on women, each film tells an inspiring and engaging story that will resonate with women from different cultural backgrounds.

“Diversity and inclusion are strong pillars of the Global Voices Film Festivals,” Bibiana Gutiérrez, the President of UN Women USA San Francisco Bay Area Chapter and the Executive Director of Global Voices Film Festival, said. “Now, more than ever, it’s important to empower women and amplify their voices by giving them a platform where they can tell their stories. We

want our festival to cultivate a community where all women are acknowledged, supported and heard.”

## Two-Day Program

The film festival’s two-day program includes: special events, musical guests and panel sessions moderated by women who are not only experts in their field, but make gender equity a cornerstone of their success. This year’s moderators are:

- [Liuying Cao](#), co-founder of the Chinese-language film critic platform [DeepFocus](#).
- [Sunny Slaughter](#), CEO and Managing Principal of [Sunny Slaughter Consulting, LLC](#), a minority, woman-owned executive consultancy business inside the beltway of D.C.
- [Vivian Connolly](#), CEO and Executive Producer at [Phosphene](#), a New York-based, award winning, independent design and visual effects studio.

These powerful and inspirational panels will create thought-provoking discourse with the festival’s filmmakers and special guests such as [Ifeoma Fafunwa](#) who features in “Mrs. F,” and is the founder and creative director of [iOpenEye](#), a Nigerian non-profit production company that utilizes performance art to challenge the status quo and drive social change.

## Event Schedule

September 13 – September 18 | VOD via Eventive

September 15 Live Streaming Day 1 | 5:00 PM –7:00 PM PST

September 18 Live Streaming Day 2 | 11:00 AM –3:00 PM PST

For more information about this year's Global Voices Film Festival, please visit

<https://www.globalvoicesfilmfestival.org>

**MEDIA PASSES ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE EVENT.**

## **About UN Women**

UN Women is the United Nations entity dedicated to gender equality and the empowerment of women. A global champion for women and girls, UN Women was established to accelerate progress on meeting their needs worldwide.

The San Francisco Bay Area Chapter, launched in June 2009 as the local arm of UN Women USA, raises awareness about women's rights and issues facing our world and local community. We educate and engage local communities about global women issues; we advocate to achieve gender equality and women's empowerment; and we fundraise to provide key financial support for UN Women programs and initiatives that promote the social, political and economic equality of women and girls across the world.

The UN Women USA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and will donate net profits from the film festival to fund UN Women's life-changing global programs and initiatives.

Visit <https://unwomenusa.org/sfba> to learn more about our chapter.

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