

Tuesdays &
Wednesdays
September
7-29

3rd Annual
**AJ AND ART
FILM FESTIVAL**

Outdoor
Screenings at
Farms, Ranches &
Wineries



*Agriculture
Films*



*Local Food
& Wine*

2021
**FESTIVAL
PROGRAM**



*Art
Films*



2021 Ag & Art Film Festival Schedule

Tuesday, 9/7

Location: Ruhstaller Farm - 6696 Sievers Road, Dixon
Kick-off Party - Enjoy food, beer & wine as you mingle with other festival goers
Film : "Living Soil"
VIP Experience: Private tour & tasting with Farmer/Owner, JE

Wednesday, 9/8

Location: Soul Food Farm - 6046 Pleasants Valley Road, Vacaville
Films: "Visible Farmer", "The Homestead", "A Fallow Year", "The Soul of a Farmer"
VIP Experience: Private tour & olive oil tasting with Farmer/Owner, Alexis Koefoed

Tuesday, 9/14

Location: Tolenas Winery - 4185 Chadbourne Road, Fairfield
Films: "Farm to Families", "Power for Pollinators", "Guardians of the Grasslands", "The Hunt for the Asian Giant Hornet", "Pride: The Lions of Soysambu"
VIP Experience: Private tour of the crush, wine tasting with Winemaker/Owner, Lisa Howard

Wednesday, 9/15

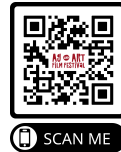
Location: Araceli Farms - 7389 Pitt School Road, Dixon
Films: "Against the Wind", "Grass Farmers", "I'm Just a Layman in Pursuit of Justice"
VIP Experience: Private tour & activity with Farmer/Owner, Justina Salinas

Saturday, 9/18:

Location: Andrew's Park - Free Movie in the Park - Movie: Coco (Disney/Pixar)

Tuesday, 9/21

Location: Joyful Art Studio - 318 Main Street, Vacaville
Films: Short Art Films + "Giobbi: The Four Seasons of an Artist"
VIP Experience: Wine & Paint with Owner/Artist, Cristie Baron



Wednesday, 9/22

Location: Joyful Ranch - 8212 Pleasants Valley Road, Vacaville
Film: "The Holstein Dilemma"
VIP Experience: Private tour with descendent of historic ranch and current resident, Ethel Hoskins

Tuesday, 9/28

Location: Be Love Farm - 7071 Bucktown Lane, Vacaville
Films: "BeWildReWild", "Where There Once Was Water" (Filmmaker Q&A after)
VIP Experience: Private tour, wine & cheese tasting with Farmer/Owner, Matthew Engelheart

Wednesday, 9/29

Location: Town Square, Vacaville
Film: "A Community Under Fire"
Awards Dinner & Special Presentation
Introducing the Pleasants Valley Fire Safe Council
Dinner & Screening is included for VIP Pass Holders and Screenings Pass Holders
Individual tickets will go on sale for this dinner soon.

A NOTE FROM THE FOUNDER



**Lisa Murray,
Festival Director**

Hello fellow ag & art lovers!

Here we are, in our 3rd year! There would be no 3rd year without the first & second year so first and foremost I want to thank everyone who supported the festival in the first two years. I strive to make every year better than the previous year. Even with COVID last year, I wanted the movie selections and our outdoor screenings to be memorable and worth your time. I have big dreams for this festival and with the community's support, I believe those dreams are within reach. I have a dream that the Ag & Art Film Festival will grow to become a *destination film festival* where people come from all over the country (and world?!) to visit Solano County to experience first-hand the thriving independent farms, ranches & wineries, to taste culinary masterpieces by local chefs who source their food, wine and beer locally, and to watch films in the DeVille Theatre and at local farms, ranches & wineries. Thank you for being a part of this dream!

Now...*on with the show!*

MOVIE IN THE PARK



Thank you Dixon Wellness for sponsoring this event so we can offer it FREE for the community!

"Coco"

Saturday, 9/18 at 7:30 PM



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 **Downtown
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Festival Schedule

VACAVILLE • DIXON • FAIRFIELD
SEPTEMBER 7-29, 2021
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AG AND ART FILM FESTIVAL

Ruhstaller Farm
 6696 Sievers Road, Dixon

6:30-7:30: Party
 8-9: "Living Soil"

Week 1

Soul Food Farm
 6046 Pleasants Valley Road, Vacaville

7:30 - 9:00:
 "Visible Farmer"
 "The Homestead"
 "A Fallow Year"
 "The Soul of a Farmer"

Tolenas Winery
 4185 Chadbourne Road, Fairfield

7:30 - 9:00
 "Farm to Families"
 "Power for Pollinators"
 "Guardians of the Grasslands"
 "The Hunt for the Asian Giant Hornet"
 "Pride: The Lions of Soysambu"

Week 2

Araceli Farms
 7389 Pitt School Road, Dixon

7:30 - 9:00
 "Against the Wind"
 "Grass Farmers"
 "I'm Just a Layman in Pursuit of Justice"

Joyful Art Studio
 318 Main Street, Vacaville

6:30:
 Short Art Films
 7:30:
 "Giobbi: The Four Seasons of an Artist"

Week 3

Be Love Farm
 7071 Bucktown Lane, Vacaville

7:30 - 9:00:
 "Where There Once Was Water"
 Filmmaker Q&A

Week 4

Joyful Ranch
 8212 Pleasants Valley Rd, Vacaville

7:30 - 9:00:
 "The Holstein Dilemma"

Town Square
 1 Town Square, Vacaville

7:30 - 9:00:
 Awards Dinner
 "A Community Under Fire"
 Special Presentation: Introducing
 the Pleasants Valley Fire Safe Council

VIP Experiences

- 9/7: Private tour & tasting – Ruhstaller Farm
- 9/8: Private tour & olive oil tasting – Soul Food Farm
- 9/14: Tour of crush & wine tasting – Tolenas Winery
- 9/15: Private experience at lavender farm – Araceli Farms
- 9/21: Wine & Paint – Joyful Art Studio
- 9/22: Private tour of historic ranch with Ethel Hoskins – Joyful Ranch
- 9/28: Tour of farm, wine & cheese tasting – Be Love Farm

2021 FILMS

9 Chairs [Run Time: 17:45 minutes]

Documentary - Short

Director: Juergen Josef Goetzmann

Country of Filming: Germany

Language: English

Synopsis: COVID-19 Pandemic. The project shows the intense creative power released during the lockdown. Nine weeks of lockdown - 9 new chairs. These reflect the outside world and have surreal functions. Their appearance is funny, aesthetic, evil, beautiful, provoking, and magical. They are absolutely real, ergonomic, stable, and functional.

SCREENING: Tuesday, 9/21, Joyful Art Studio, Downtown Vacaville

A Community Under Fire [Run Time: 22:57 minutes]

Documentary - Short

Director: Harrison Thane, Matt Thane

Country of Filming: Australia

Language: English

Synopsis: We tell the story of a small but special regional town in during Australia's 2019-2020 Black Summer bushfire season. We highlight the importance of community - everyday people doing extraordinary things to help our community survive and recover. And we show our town's path to recovery. How we in Braidwood in New South Wales, faced our greatest essential threat, being surrounded by fire.

SCREENING: Wednesday, 9/29 - Vacaville Town Square

A Fallow Year [Run Time: 18:39 minutes]

Documentary - Short

Director: Dina Jane Rudick

Country of Filming: United States

Language: English

Synopsis: The Farm School, a teaching farm in western Massachusetts, created around a concept of connecting people to land with kindness and integrity, asks deep and hard questions about race and justice that do not have easy answers. They took a year-long pause to seek their own blind spots and open their arms a little wider to work that is never finished.

SCREENING: Wednesday, 9/8 - Soul Food Farm, Vacaville

Against the Wind [Run Time: 5:56 minutes]

Documentary - Short

Director: Hollis Bennet

Country: United States

Language: English

Synopsis: In a year marked by tragedy, the farmers of Iowa face down one of the most destructive storms in US History. This is a story of loss but also perseverance and the indomitable human spirit.

SCREENING: Wednesday, 9/15 at Araceli Farms, Dixon

BeWildReWild [Run Time: 4:43 minutes]

Documentary - Micro-Short

Director: Dick DeAngelis

Country of Filming: United States

Country of Origin: United States

Language: English

Synopsis: The dream was always for those with expertise and experience in this process to come here and save us from the ravages of overdomestication. But no one came. So in that vacuum emerged the BeWildReWild movement and a startling realization that we must save ourselves.

SCREENING: Tuesday, 9/28 at Be Love Farm, Vacaville

Farm to Families [Run Time: 10 minutes]

Documentary - Short

Director: Kathy Roselli

Country: United States

Language: English

Synopsis: One in four families with children in the United States is struggling to put food on the table. COVID-19 increased this number. Restaurants and other markets for food closed, initially hurting farmers. Farm to Families tells the story of the creative collaboration between Rogue Valley Farm 2 School, Fry Family Farm, local schools, and community volunteers - joining forces to feed families in Southern Oregon's Rogue Valley.

SCREENING: Tuesday, 9/14 at Tolenas Winery, Fairfield

Film Me [Run Time: 3:15 minutes]

Documentary - Micro-Short

Director: Ed Picard

Country: France

Language: English

Synopsis: Film Me a fashion film where fashion and cinema meet one another, a homage to different times of cinema through the spectrum of beauty. There are 4 scenes which all match to a time and a mood, and each are filmed in a special format (Super 8, 16mm, VHS, Digital)

SCREENING: Tuesday, 9/21, Joyful Art Studio, Downtown Vacaville

Giobbi: The Four Seasons of An Artist [Run Time: 68 minutes]

Documentary - Feature

Director: Kimberly L. Johnson

Country: United States

Language: English

Synopsis: After 40 years of reading and cooking from her mentor's cookbook, an aspiring chef and teacher finally meets the author, who is also an accomplished artist. Over two days he teaches her about life and living, and how to make wine, good food and love through your art.

SCREENING: Tuesday, 9/21, Joyful Art Studio, Downtown Vacaville

Grass Farmers [Run Time: 17:32 minutes]

Documentary - Short

Director: Chad Galloway

Country: Canada

Language: English

Synopsis: Did you know that it's possible for cattle production to be green? Like, green, green? As in, carbon sink green? It's a pretty simple concept called regenerative agriculture that involves making soil health a top priority. Because healthier soils means healthier grass, healthier cattle and ultimately a much healthier earth.

SCREENING: Wednesday, 9/15 at Araceli Farms, Dixon

Guardians of the Grasslands [Run Time: 12 minutes]

Documentary - Short

Director: Sarah Wray, Ben Wilson

Country of Filming: Canada

Language: English

Synopsis: Canada's native grasslands are disappearing at an alarming rate - in fact, they are one of the most endangered ecosystems in the world. Guardians of the Grasslands is a collaboration between dedicated conservationists and local ranchers, which seeks to showcase how cattle continue to create hope on what's left of these iconic landscapes for the plant and animal species that call them home.

SCREENING: Tuesday, 9/14 at Tolenas Winery, Fairfield

I Used To Dance [Run Time: 5 minutes]

Documentary – Micro-Short

Director: Marlene Rhein

Country of Filming: United States

Language: English

Synopsis: A poetic deep dive into a woman’s loneliness during the pandemic and her longing for connection on the dance floor.

SCREENING: Tuesday, 9/21, Joyful Art Studio, Downtown Vacaville

I’m Just A Layman In Pursuit of Justice [Run Time: 60 minutes]

Documentary – Feature

Director: Shoun A. Hill, Waymon Hinson

Country of Filming: United States

Country of Origin: United States

Language: English

Synopsis: I’m Just a Layman in Pursuit of Justice” chronicles the injustices of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, also knowns as “the last plantation”, and the liven experiences of Black farmers who chose to fight against discrimination.

SCREENING: Wednesday, 9/15 at Araceli Farms, Dixon

Inversion (The Sound of Isolation) [Run Time: 5 minutes]

Documentary – Micro-Short

Director: Kristina Petukhina

Country of Filming: Russia

Language: Russia

Synopsis: During this difficult period of isolation, I was left alone with my neighbors in a new building. Every day they drill into all of the walls and it seems already into my head. I put all the sounds on the soundtrack to my isolation. My hearing transforms.

SCREENING: Tuesday, 9/21, Joyful Art Studio, Downtown Vacaville

Life Out Loud [Run Time: 3:06 minutes]

Documentary – Micro-Short

Director: Kelly Sahr

Country of Filming: United States

Language: English

Synopsis: Embrace the best of life.

SCREENING: Tuesday, 9/21, Joyful Art Studio, Downtown Vacaville

Living Soil [Run Time: 1 hour]

Documentary - Feature

Director: Chelsea Wright

Country of Filming: United States

Country of Origin: United States

Language: English

Synopsis: As a beautiful cinematic journey through farms across the U.S., Living Soil provides insights into why thousands of farmers are making the transition to soil health promoting practices that improve the resiliency of our food system and enhance environmental protection.

SCREENING: Tuesday, 9/7 at Ruhstaller Farm, Dixon

Power to Pollinators [Run Time: 19 minutes]

Documentary - Short

Director: Mathew Schmid

Country of Filming: United States

Country of Origin: United States

Language: English

Synopsis: "Power for Pollinators" explores how large land managers have a unique opportunity to turn tens of millions of acres into healthy pollinator habitat. In particular, power companies with right-of-way corridors and buffer zones are uniquely positioned to create large pollinator highways. These untapped areas have the potential to become one of the largest pollinator projects in history. If power companies and other land managers choose to work together planting flowers and reducing chemical use across the landscape, we can bring back pollinators and - with them - a host of essential food and ecosystem resources. As electricity flows through the landscape, power companies can help pollinators flower through the ecosystem.

SCREENING: Tuesday, 9/14 at Tolenas Winery, Fairfield

Pride: The Lions of Soysambu [Run Time: 23:32 minutes]

Documentary - Short

Director: Will R Richardson

Country of Filming: Kenya

Language: English

Synopsis: Imagine waking up one morning to find lions in your backyard; that is the challenge facing the people of Soysambu, a wildlife conservancy and working cattle ranch in Kenya's central rift valley. The story of Soysambu Conservancy is an example of the changing landscape of East Africa. It is the story of how concerned individuals the world over came together to find practical solutions to growing conflicts between Africa's most iconic predators

and the people who call these wild places home. "Pride: The Lions of Soysambu" is an in-depth look at grass-roots conservation in action, of the power of nature to inspire art, the power of art to inspire change, and a people's pride in their land, their livelihood, and their wildlife.

SCREENING: Tuesday, 9/14 at Tolenas Winery, Fairfield

Recycled Verses [Run Time: 3:28 minutes]

Documentary - Micro-Short

Director: Randy Kelly

Country of Filming: Canada

Country of Origin: Canada

Language: English

Synopsis: Recycled Verses in a cinepoem (video for spoken word poem) about the cyclical nature of life, art and self-expression.

SCREENING: Tuesday, 9/21, Joyful Art Studio, Downtown Vacaville

Spy Blown Mind [Run Time: 5:45 minutes]

Documentary - Micro-Short

Director: Ezekiel James Hamptom

Country of Filming: United States

Language: English

Synopsis: Skylight Motion Picture is a cinematic-pop band based out of Napa, CA although most of its members have strong roots in Vacaville. They released their first full-length album, The Sonic Relocation and Transformational Reverberation of the Spirit" on February 1st, 2020. "Spy Blown Mind" is their first music video and filmed on a \$0 budget with borrowed equipment. It features the band and friends light-heartedly dancing in downtown Napa. Their music is currently available on all online platforms.

SCREENING: Tuesday, 9/21, Joyful Art Studio, Downtown Vacaville

The Holstein Dilemma [Run Time: 1 hour, 34 minutes]

Documentary - Feature

Director: Rick Bowman, Elara Bowman

Country of Filming: USA

Country of Origin: USA

Language: English

Synopsis: What the heck is a heritage breed anyway and why should we all care? What started out as a simple question at a livestock fair, inspired filmmakers Rick and Elara Bowman to search for answers across North America, from those who actually do the work and the experts that back it up with science. With interviews from agriculturalists, scientists, and personalities

to find out more about Heritage Breed livestock, this film explores why diversity is important in today's agricultural model that's based on large volume, fast growth, and the cheapest product possible for the consumer.

SCREENING: Tuesday, 9/28 at Joyful Ranch, Vacaville

The Homestead [Run Time: 14:34 minutes]

Documentary - Micro-Short

Director: David McGregor

Country of Filming: CANADA

Country of Origin: CANADA

Language: English

Synopsis: The Homestead follows Donovan and Lisa Kitt as they try to establish a new organic farm. They both grew up on Organic farms and are hoping to prove that a new farm project is still possible in the world of high land prices in northern Alberta, Canada. The film follows Donovan and Lisa through several seasons as they begin a family and face the challenge of making their dreams reality.

SCREENING: Wednesday, 9/8 at Soul Food Farm, Vacaville

The Hunt for the Asian Giant Hornet [Run Time: 11:25 minutes]

Documentary - Micro-Short

Director: Jay Windland

Country of Filming: USA

Country of Origin: USA

Language: English

Synopsis: Scientists race to stop the spread of a new invasive species - but first they have to find it. Dubbed the "Murder Hornet" by popular media, the most real threat of the Asian Giant Hornet may be to the environment and food supply - and its presence may indicate an even deeper problem facing our modern world. From government scientists to community volunteers, a coordinated effort combines with bleeding edge technologies to bring balance to our ecosystem before it's too late.

SCREENING: Tuesday, 9/14 at Tolenas Winery, Fairfield

The Soul of a Farmer [Run Time: 35 minutes]

Documentary - Short

Director: Roger Sherman

Country of Filming: USA

Country of Origin: USA

Language: English

Synopsis: The Soul of a Farmer captures the struggle of every small-scale organic farmer committed to growing beautiful produce. The 35 minute film bursts the romantic notion of farm-to-table, portraying the constant tension between Patty Gentry's mission to grow the organic vegetables chefs treasure and eke out a living, too.

SCREENING: Wednesday, 9/8 at Soul Food Farm, Vacaville

Trailings [Run Time: 6:27 minutes]

Documentary - Micro-Short

Director: Lisa K. Lock

Country of Filming: Switzerland

Language: n/a

Synopsis: An experience of the vulnerabilities of self-discovery and self-imposed or presumed censorship.

SCREENING: Tuesday, 9/21, Joyful Art Studio, Downtown Vacaville

Turn Illness to the Light [Run Time: 4:58 minutes]

Documentary - Micro-Short

Director: Fusako Yamamoto

Country of Filming: Japan

Country of Origin: Japan

Language: English

Synopsis: The pandemic spreads slowly while people live their daily life. Humans are at the mercy of illness and get confused. At the same time, they feel nostalgic for the past which will never return. After the period of confusion, the world will change swiftly and will be wrapped in light. Eventually, humans will be part of flowers which blooms brilliantly.

SCREENING: Tuesday, 9/21, Joyful Art Studio, Downtown Vacaville

Visible Farmer [Run Time: 6 minutes]

Documentary - Short, Web/New Media

Director: Gisela Kaufmann

Country of Filming: Australia

Language: English

Synopsis: It's time to put the spotlight on the long hidden face of agriculture. Meet the incredible women who produce half of all you eat. Visible Farmer discover the untold stories of the gutsy women behind our food and fiber, and the vital, innovative role they play. From remote outback stations to urban market gardens, it's a journey that will change our perception of who a farmer is. Each episode of this 15-part web-series is an inspiring story with passion

and substance as diverse as the industry the women are working in and the challenges they face.

SCREENING: Wednesday, 9/8 at Soul Food Farm, Vacaville

Where There Once Was Water [Run Time: 1 hour and 14 minutes]

Documentary - Feature

Director: Brittany App

Country of Filming: USA

Country of Origin: USA

Language: English

Synopsis: A song for the sacred in all of us. An invitation to change our perspective, rewrite the story, and heal our relationship with water – one watershed, one meal, one raindrop, at a time. Water is love, and if we write it together, this love story may indeed become one for the ages.

SCREENING: Tuesday, 9/28 at Be Love Farm, Vacaville



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LOCATIONS:

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Soul Food Farm
Tolenas Winery
Araceli Farms
Joyful Art Studio
Joyful Ranch
Be Love Farm
Downtown Vacaville

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