

Tuesdays &  
Wednesdays  
September  
7-29

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

Outdoor  
Screenings at  
Farms, Ranches &  
Wineries



*Agriculture  
Films*



*Art Films*



*Local Food*

2021  
**FESTIVAL  
PROGRAM**



*Local Wine*



*Community*



*Culture*

## 2021 Ag & Art Film Festival Schedule

### **Tuesday, 9/7 - Ruhstaller Farm - 6686 Sievers Road, Dixon**

5:00: *VIP Experience: Private tour & tasting with Farmer/Owner, JE*

6:30: Kick-off Party - Mix & mingle with other festival goers over a beer!

8:00: Film : "Living Soil"

### **Wednesday, 9/8 - Soul Food Farm - 6046 Pleasants Valley Road, Vacaville**

5:00: *VIP Experience: Private tour & olive oil tasting with Farmer/Owner, Alexis Koefoed*

6:30: Picnic, shop & relax

7:30: Films: "Visible Farmer", "The Homestead", "A Fallow Year", "The Soul of a Farmer"

### **Tuesday, 9/14 - Tolenas Winery - 4185 Chadbourne Road, Fairfield**

5:00: *VIP Experience: Private tour & wine tasting with Winemaker/Owner, Lisa Howard*

6:30: Picnic & relax

8:00: Films: "Farm to Families", "Power for Pollinators", "Guardians of the Grasslands", "The Hunt for the Asian Giant Hornet", "Pride: The Lions of Soysambu"

### **Wednesday, 9/15 - Araceli Farms - 7389 Pitt School Road, Dixon**

5:00: *VIP Experience: Private tour & activity with Farmer/Owner, Justina Salinas*

6:30: Picnic, shop & relax

7:30: Films: "Against the Wind", "Grass Farmers", "I'm Just a Layman in Pursuit of Justice"

### **Saturday, 9/18: - Andrew's Park - Free Movie in the Park - Movie: Coco - Vacaville**

### **Tuesday, 9/21 - Joyful Art Studio - 318 Main Street, Vacaville**

5:30: *VIP Experience: Wine & Paint with Owner/Artist, Cristie Baron*

6:30: Films: Short Art Films from around the world

7:30: *Intermission - Desserts from La Borgata Italian Deli*

7:45: Film: "Giobbi: The Four Seasons of an Artist"

### **Wednesday, 9/22 - Joyful Ranch - 8212 Pleasants Valley Road, Vacaville**

5:00: *VIP Experience: Private tour with descendent of historic ranch and current resident, Ethel Hoskins and food demo by Stephanie at Sustainable Solano*

6:30: Picnic & relax

7:30: Film: "The Holstein Dilemma" (Filmmaker Q&A after)

### **Saturday, 9/25 - Hank & Hazels - 501 Merchant Street, Vacaville**

*\*\*Separate from the Regular Festival - Tickets Sold Separately\*\**

6:30: Picnic & relax in "backyard" (No outside food or alcohol)

7:30: Films: "The Best of 2019 & 2020 Short Art Films" #VACAArtsWeek

### **Tuesday, 9/28 - Be Love Farm - 7071 Bucktown Lane, Vacaville**

5:00: *VIP Experience: Private tour, wine & cheese with Farmer/Owner, Matthew Engelhart*

6:30: Picnic, shop (wood-fire pizzas!), relax

7:30: Films: "BeWildReWild", "Where There Once Was Water" (Filmmaker Q&A after)

### **Wednesday, 9/29 - Town Square, Vacaville**

6:30: Dinner (Catered by Backdoor Bistro) & Awards

7:30: Film: "A Community Under Fire"

8:00: Special Presentation: *Introducing the Pleasants Valley Fire Safe Council*

8:30: Celebrate final night of the 2021 festival!

# A NOTE FROM THE FOUNDER



**Lisa Murray,  
Festival Director**

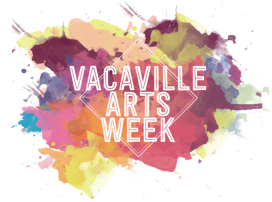
*Hello fellow ag & art lovers!*

Here we are, in our 3<sup>rd</sup> year! There would be no 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 chefs who source their food, wine and beer locally, and to watch films in the DeVille Theatre and outdoors at local farms, ranches & wineries. Thank you for being a part of this dream!

*Now...on with the show!*

AD AND ART  
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# MOVIE IN THE PARK



Saturday, 9/18 at  
7:30 PM  
Andrews Park,  
Vacaville



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# 2021 FILMS

## **9 Chairs** [Run Time: 17:45 minutes]

Documentary - Short • Category - Art 

**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 • Category - Ag 

**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 • Category - Ag & Art 

**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 • Category - Ag 

**Director:** Hollis Bennet

**Country of Filming:** 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 • Category - Ag 

**Director:** Dick DeAngelis


**Country of Filming:** 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 • Category - Ag 

**Director:** Kathy Roselli

**Country of Filming:** 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 • Category - Art 

**Director:** Ed Picard

**Country of Filming:** 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 • Category - Art 

**Director:** Kimberly L. Johnson


**Country of Filming:** 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 • Category - Ag 

**Director:** Chad Galloway

**Country of Filming:** 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 • Category - Ag 

**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 • Category – Art 

**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 • Category – Ag 

**Director:** Shoun A. Hill, Waymon Hinson

**Country of Filming:** 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 known as "the last plantation", and the lived 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 • Category – Art 

**Director:** Kristina Petukhina

**Country of Filming:** Russia

**Language:** Russian

**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 • Category – Art 

**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 • Category - Ag 

**Director:** Chelsea Wright

**Country of Filming:** 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 • Category - Ag 

**Director:** Mathew Schmid

**Country of Filming:** 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 • Category - Ag & Art  

**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 • Category - Art 

**Director:** Randy Kelly


**Country of Filming:** 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 • Category - Art 

**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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 • Category - Ag 

**Director:** Rick Bowman, Elara Bowman

**Country of Filming:** United States

**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 • Category - Ag 

**Director:** David McGregor


**Country of Filming:** 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 • Category - Ag 

**Director:** Jay Windland

**Country of Filming:** United States

**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 • Category - Ag & Art  

**Director:** Roger Sherman

**Country of Filming:** United States

**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 • Category – Art 

**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 • Category – Art 

**Director:** Fusako Yamamoto

**Country of Filming:** 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 • Category – Ag 

**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 • Category - Ag 🧑🌾

**Director:** Brittany App

**Country of Filming:** United States

**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**



VACA Arts Week  
September 17-26<sup>th</sup>

## SPECIAL SCREENING



“The Best of  
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Sat, 9/25 • 7:00 PM  
Tickets \$10

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