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**FILM LINEUP ANNOUNCED FOR THE 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL AG & ART FILM FESTIVAL**

*An International Platform Celebrating Agriculture & Art in Solano County*

**Vacaville, California:** The Ag & Art Film Festival (AAFF) has announced their 2021 film lineup on their website. Festival Passes will go on sale August 17<sup>th</sup> and tickets will go on sale a week later. Passes & Tickets will be available to purchase on the festival's website. Last November, AAFF put out a *call for entries* for the 2021 film festival along with the new slogan, "*Be a part of the magic*". The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ag & Art Film Festival film screenings will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings during the month of September, outdoors, at local farms, wineries, and ranches in Solano County in Northern California. Solano County is just a short drive from Sacramento, San Francisco, or Napa. The area has a rich agriculture history and is a historic roadstop along I-80. Filmmakers from around the world submitted their agriculture and/or art films to be considered for inclusion in this year's festival. AAFF received 55 film entries from Canada, United Kingdom, Republic of Korea, Germany, Australia, Switzerland, Spain, Russian Federation, Puerto Rico, Portugal, Norway, Japan, India, France and the Dominican Republic and 25 films have made it into this year's festival.

The Ag & Art Film Festival is an international platform to celebrate and raise awareness about agriculture and art/artists around the world. The festival launched in 2019 with screenings held at the state-of-the-art, DeVille Theatre and at the historic Vacaville Opera House in Downtown Vacaville. AAFF put on a free, outdoor screening at Andrews Park in Downtown Vacaville that was attended by 150 people and featured the film, "The Biggest Little Farm". The festival's second year hosted 100% outdoor screenings due to Covid-19. The audience socially-distanced and brought their own chairs. The evening before the tickets were to go on sale, most of the planned outdoor screening locations were burned in the LNU Lightening Complex Fire. A second wave of locations were secured when the Festival Director, Lisa Murray, put out the call for new locations on her social media the day after the fire.

Outdoor screening & event locations for the 2021 festival are **Ruhstaller Beer Garden** (Dixon), **Soul Food Farm** (Vacaville), **Tolenas Winery** (Fairfield), **Arceli Farms** (Dixon), **Joyful Art Studio** (Downtown Vacaville), **Be Love Farm** (Vacaville), and **Town Square** (Vacaville). AAFF is teaming up with Downtown Vacaville to put on another free screening in Andrews

Park on Saturday, 9/18, which is during the film festival and during VACA Arts Week. The movie is the Disney/Pixar movie, "Coco". There will be food trucks and beer/wine for sale.

The Kick-Off Party will happen at Ruhstaller Beer Garden on Tuesday, 9/7. On Wednesday, 9/8, the film, "The Soul of a Farmer" which features Issabella Rossalini, will screen along with 3 other short films at Soul Food Farm. At Tolenas Winery in Fairfield on Tuesday, 9/14, the film, "Pride: The Lions of Soysambu" takes a look at how cattle ranchers in Kenya are dealing with a wildlife sanctuary next door that includes lions who are killing their livestock. There will be a collection of short art films screening at the new, Joyful Art Studio on Main Street in Downtown Vacaville on 9/21. Nine short films representing Canada, Japan, Switzerland, Germany, Russian Federation and the United States will screen at the studio as part of VACA Arts Week.

The full schedule will be posted on the website on Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> – the same day the Festival Passes go on sale.

Those interested in attending the Ag & Art Film Festival have several choices: They may purchase a VIP Pass, a Screenings Pass, or an individual ticket. **VIP Passes** grant passholders access to all film screenings in the festival, the opening party and the closing party, and to private tours and tastings at the screening locations before the films. **Screenings Passes** grant passholders to all screenings in the festival and to the opening and closing nights parties. And the third option is to purchase **individual screening tickets**.

There will be a special screening held during VACA Arts Week in Downtown Vacaville at **Hazel's Really Good Sausages**, showcasing a collection of the festival's first two year's best short art films. This event is separate from the regular festival. Last year, Hank & Hazel's hosted fundraisers put on by the festival in their "backyard" to raise money for the farmers affected by the LNU Fire.

The filmmakers who were not able to attend the 2020 festival had positive things to say about their festival experience.

*"Even though the pandemic kept me from attending this amazing festival, communication, photos, and messages from attendees made me feel as if I was there, socially distanced, beneath the stars. Thank you Lisa! The positive energy generated from this festival is palpable all the way from NYC." - Nam Holtz, Director of Found in Korea*

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**About the Festival Director:**

**Lisa Murray** is an independent filmmaker and host of the I Have Dreams Dammit! podcast. Lisa splits her time between Los Angeles and Vacaville, CA.

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