

“Surf Soup® Buttons: Emmy-Honored Animator Donna Kay Lau Premieres Oscar-Qualifying Short Film in Hollywood”

“Alongside 13 new books and 8+ albums, Lau brings her independent artistry and Chinese American heritage to life on the big screen September 8–14 at Cinelounge Sunset.”

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Los Angeles, CA – September 2025 — Emmy-honored TV animator and award-winning author **Donna Kay Lau** is set to premiere her independent animated short film *Surf Soup® Buttons* with a 7-day Oscar-qualifying theatrical run, **September 8–14, 2025**, at **Cinelounge Sunset, Hollywood (6464 Sunset Blvd.)**.

Inspired by her Chinese American heritage and her childhood in her grandfather’s LA laundry, *Surf Soup® Buttons* weaves a heartfelt story of resilience, family, and creativity. The hand-drawn 2D animated short is based on Lau’s beloved children’s book series *Surf Soup®*.

In addition to the film premiere, Lau has launched **13 new Surf Soup® books** (bringing the total to over 100), and released **8+ Surf Soup® music albums**—expanding her universe of storytelling across media.

“This is more than a film—it’s a lifelong dream,” says Lau. “I want Surf Soup® to inspire kids, families, and communities everywhere to create, imagine, and never give up.”

Lau is also preparing for **school visits and creative workshops**, continuing her mission to blend art, education, and culture through the Surf Soup® series.

Premiere Details:

- *Surf Soup® Buttons* Theatrical Run
- **Dates:** September 8–14, 2025
- **Location:** Cinelounge Sunset, 6464 Sunset Blvd, Hollywood, CA
- **Tickets:** Available at cineloungefilm.com

About Donna Kay Lau & Surf Soup®

Donna Kay Lau is an Emmy-honored TV animator, fitness trainer, and award-winning author/illustrator of the *Surf Soup®* series—over 100 children’s books, 8+ albums, and now, an Oscar-qualified animated short. Lau’s independent artistry blends creativity, culture, and kindness, rooted in her Chinese American heritage.

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