

# ACCLAIMED FEMALE FILMMAKER HELMS OPENING NIGHT WITH FINAL FESTIVAL SCREENING OF "NAMES ON THE WALL"

FAIRFAX, VA, UNITED STATES, April 5, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Koura Linda's career in entertainment as an independent filmmaker took off like a rocket. Appropriately so, seeing as she's President of the internationally acclaimed and quickly-growing indie production company, Space Dream Productions. Partner and collaborator is Space Dream Productions' Executive Vice President, her husband, Spaceship.

Their first full-scale indie film project directed by Koura is the now-multi-award-winning short film, "Names on The Wall".

April 11, 2021, after festival screenings around the world with 14 nominations, and 7 awards including:

"Best Director"

"Best Original Score"

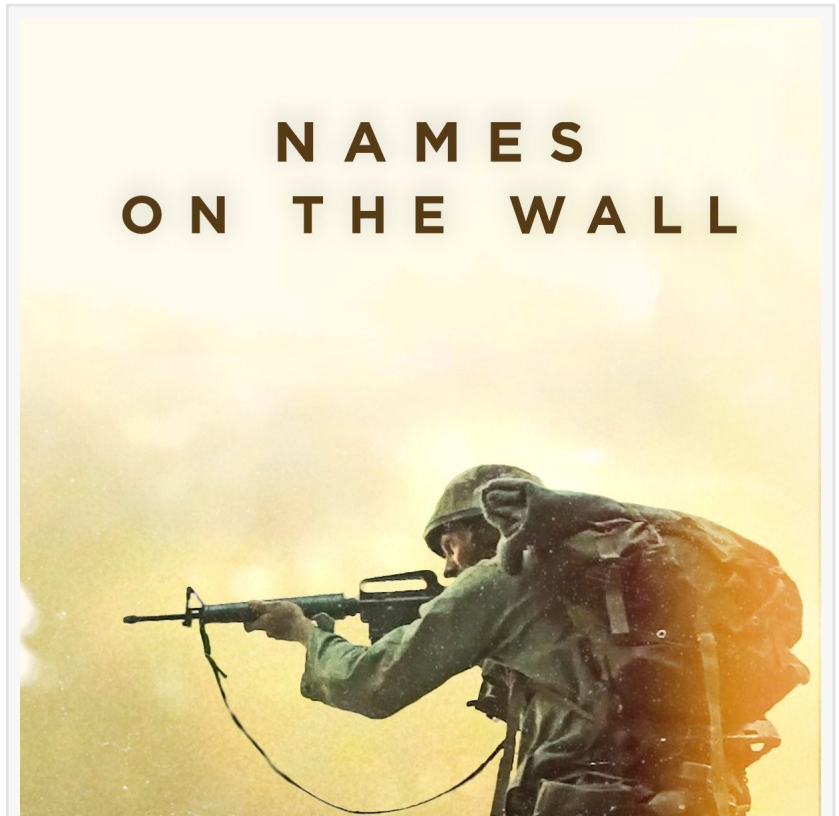
"Best Actor"

"Best Film: Short"

"The Alan Bailey Award for Excellence in Filmmaking in a Major Genre"

"Names on The Wall" is bringing it home to Northern Virginia, where the film was originally written by NOVA local, Nick Gambino, and developed by Koura while she was working in Virginia.

An official selection of the 2021 Northern Virginia International Film Festival & Capital Film Market, "Names on The Wall" is the opening film on opening night of the festival. Its last official festival screenings start as the first of the week-long virtual festival experience.



"Names on The Wall" tells the story of two soldiers, portrayed by Brendan Healy and Doan Nguyen, fighting on opposite sides of the Viet Nam War. They find themselves faced with a choice somewhere between where humanity ends and war begins.

Exclusive to the NOVA Fest, "Names on The Wall" will screen virtually on April 11, 2021 at 5pm PST/8pm EST in a stand-alone opening night screening, followed by a moderated Q&A panel featuring the cast and crew.

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Directed and Stunt

Choreographed/2nd Unit Directed by

two women (Director/Producer Koura Linda and Stunt Choreographer Melissa Tracy), this film considers how we react to different circumstances depending on an array of different elements, set in front of the backdrop of one of the most controversial wars in American history.

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*Koura Linda*

more than just names on the wall.

"I am a nine year community member of hitRECORD (which premiered at the 2010 Sundance Film Festival New Frontier) and about a third of the crew on this production are also hitRECORDers. Long before COVID, just following how we collaborate on hitRECORD as artists, approximately 90% of the planning, coordination, and execution of production was done online resulting in a global artistic collaboration between over 35 artists in 5 countries," Koura Linda explained.

Koura worked with writer Nick Gambino to develop the concept for the film, but originally intended to helm as a Producer and Production Designer. She was encouraged by her team to step up as Director. "I truly am grateful for the opportunity to try my hand at telling a story I strongly believed needed to be told: a story of humanity, how we see each other, and who we



Melissa Tracy trained Names on The Wall stars Brendan Healy and Doan Nguyen in the fight styles authentic to the US soldiers and Viet Congs of the time.

are."

"Names on The Wall" is currently nominated for four awards at this year's NOVA International Film Festival and Capital Film Market: "Best Action Choreography", "Best Director", "Best Drama: Short", and "Best Film: Short".

In keeping with COVID-19 safety protocols, the entire NOVA festival will be available as a virtual experience. Tickets to the screening are \$10 and can be purchased here under the GRAY ticket category: [NovaFilmFest](#)

An additional screening as part of the April 13, 2021 11:30am PST/2:30pm EST short film block is also available here under the YELLOW ticket category: [NovaTuesdayShorts](#)

Following a successful international festival run, "Names on The Wall" has just premiered on the Amazon Prime Video streaming platform and is available for streaming following the festival.

Koura and Spaceship are currently in post-production on Space Dream Productions' first 100% in-house owned feature film, "Catching the Light", with production partner Bryan Redhead. "Catching The Light" was safely filmed with a stripped-down cast and crew on location in a small town in Florida in late September 2020.

Their next major feature film, "Comic Relief", is finishing up its COVID safety plan for production. They are also developing an as-yet-untitled, untraditional feature-length holiday film, along with several other short films and video projects currently in the works.

In just over four and a half years, Space Dream Productions has received 60 official selections on the 20 projects they've produced and submitted to festivals. Their work has been acknowledged with 72 nominations and special mentions, and acclaimed with 23 awards.

In August 2019, Koura Linda received The Mico Award in recognition of her innovation, courage, and excellence in a career in film.

Koura's podcast Filmmaking (Actually) can be found here: [FilmMaking-Actually](#)

Koura Linda is found on IMDB here: [www.imdb.com/name/nm5561578](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm5561578). Spaceship is found in IMDB here: [https://www.imdb.com/name/nm8375938/?ref=ttfc\\_fc\\_cr3](https://www.imdb.com/name/nm8375938/?ref=ttfc_fc_cr3) and info is found here:



Director Koura Linda worked closely with her team from development through post production, to bring every aspect of this story to the screen.

[www.iamspaceship.com](http://www.iamspaceship.com)

Updates on Koura Linda and Spaceship's work can be subscribed to through their website, where more on their work in independent film can also be found:

<https://www.spacedreamfilms.com/>

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