

8th Annual Women's Voices Now Film Festival -- The Rights and Roles of Women: Redefining Our Shared Reality

Film Viewing Starts March 1, 2022, Awards Ceremony on March 24, 2022 with Keynote Speaker Jaina Lee Ortiz

ROLLING HILLS ESTATE, CA, UNITED STATES, February 22, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Join sponsors Sony Pictures, Filmocracy, the Lantos Foundation and OUT.LI.ER, for the 8th Annual Women's Voices Now Film Festival on March 24, 2022. The Keynote Speaker will be Jaina Lee Ortiz. Like the previous year, the festival will again take place virtually. The festival promotes emerging women and femme-identifying filmmakers creating social-change films that advocate for women's and girls' rights around the world. The Women's Voices Now Film Festival provides a total of \$10,000 USD in cash prizes to our winning filmmakers.



"In light of a world rocked by a global pandemic, the immediate backlash felt by women and girls around the world reminds us of the importance of the Women's Voices Now Film Festival. We must spread awareness, spark dialogue, and inspire action to prevent the rollback of hardearned women's rights in these challenging times. The medium of film and its ability to generate empathy is the most powerful tool we have to keep women's rights issues front and center." -Heidi Basch-Harod, Executive Director, Women's Voices Now.

Films are submitted for the festival from around the world and 2022 saw submissions from nearly 40 countries, including Sweden, Turkey, Argentina, and Iran, among others. <u>See Film</u> <u>Selections</u>. <u>meet the festival jury</u> and <u>purchase tickets to virtually attend</u>.

Women's Voices Now (WVN), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, uses film to drive positive social change that advances women's and girls' rights globally. We promote, produce, and share social-change films focusing on women's and girls' rights issues, providing active support to filmmakers who give voice to unheard women and girls, and activating civil society by moving audiences from empathy to action. We envision a global culture shift in which communities and institutions believe in the value of gender equality, and adapt their behaviors and actions to support systematic advancement of women's and girls' rights. WVN has held special consultative status to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) since 2017.

If you are media covering the festival, please reach out to cybele@womensvoicesnow.org for a festival code to see the films and attend the awards ceremony.

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