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**9th Annual Albany FilmFest Offers Filmgoers and Filmmakers Something to Talk about and Room to Talk
March 16 - March 24, 2019**

Albany, CA (March 6, 2019) – Now in its ninth year, Albany FilmFest is coming into its own with an eclectic lineup of short films (and a few short features) from the Bay Area, the US, and around the world. Their tagline “Sundance, Cannes, Albany!” may be cheeky, but it underscores this small East Bay city’s commitment to bringing audiences thoughtful and timely films, and the opportunity to interact with filmmakers after the films in lively Q&As.

Filmgoers and filmmakers are invited to continue the conversation across the street from the Albany Twin theatre on Solano Avenue, in two designated Filmmakers Lounges: Souvenir Coffee, and Wild Card Brewing, for special rates and hours. With topics that include activism, climate change, diversity, immigration, identity, and art, there will definitely be lots to talk about.

Q&A with filmmakers follow every screening. **All films screened at Landmark’s Albany Twin Theatre unless otherwise noted.**
**March 16: Kids’ Matinee at Albany Community Center**
Enjoy family-friendly short films by and for kids, hands-on filmmaking demos, and fun.

**March 19: Humanity on the Big Screen: FATHER K & ADIOS AMOR: THE SEARCH FOR MARIA MORENO**
Community activists build bridges and transform history in these two short documentaries.

**March 20: Our Beautiful Home Planet: SYMPHONY FOR NATURE, BEYOND CLIMATE, OLD SURVIVOR**
Three short documentaries celebrating the power of the natural world and the importance of its human stewards. *Thanks to East Bay Regional Park District for sponsoring this screening.*

**March 21: Music of the Streets: SCRAPER BIKES MOBBIN’ and SATAN & ADAM**From Oakland to Harlem, a music video and feature documentary showcase authentic music and musicians. *Thanks to Save the Redwoods League for sponsoring this screening.*

**March 24: Shorts! All-Day Screening**
An eclectic mix of independent short films (documentary, drama, comedy, and animation) from the Bay Area, the nation, and the world. Six themed shows, all followed by filmmaker panels. *Thanks to Arkin-Tilt Architects for sponsoring Show 5, Art! Literature! Feminists!*

**Tickets and Program Information: All shows $12 (all ages). Festival Pass: $80 and All-Day Sunday Shorts Pass $55**

**Buy tickets/passes at Albany Twin box-office or online:**
<https://www.landmarktheatres.com/san-francisco-east-bay/albany-twin/film-festivals>

**Kids’ Matinee $5/adults, $1 kids, ages 3 and under free. No advance sales. Tickets at the door.**

**For information about special events and program details:** <http://www.albanyfilmfest.org>

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