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## **NEWS**

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#### **Festival 411**

##### **Sun Valley Film Festival Announces New Panels, Additions to Lineup**

The Sun Valley Film Festival announced several additions to their lineup today and revealed the recipient of their Snow Angel Award, presented annually to an individual for their inspiring work with a charitable organization.

#### **SVFF to Honor The Redford Center**

This year, SVFF is proud to present the Snow Angel Award to Chairman Jamie Redford and Executive Director Jill Tidman of The Redford Center, on Saturday, March 18. Last year, the Film Festival partnered with the Plastic Pollution Coalition to honor Dianna Cohen for her work in reducing consumption of single use plastics. In the spirit of the town for which it is named, the Film Festival has a history of celebrating progressive work in the field of environmental sustainability, and this year is no exception. The Redford Center is a San Francisco based nonprofit organization supporting storytellers bringing social and environmental issues to life with the goal of producing films that foster awareness and action. Founded in 2005 by Jamie and Robert Redford, their collaboration with artists, activists, policymakers and business leaders has created awareness through media that truly moves people to act. "We're incredibly grateful to the Sun Valley Film Festival for this recognition and support of our work," said Tidman. "It means a great deal to our team to be headed to Idaho to celebrate with the wonderful community of filmmakers and audiences there."

#### **The Originals**

Heather Rae, Idaho-raised native filmmaker (*Frozen River, Tallulah*), moderates Conversation with the Originals, a new SVFF panel that brings together the indigenous voices of the Idaho community and Standing Rock movement for an in-depth discussion. The panel includes Dr. LaNada War Jack, Sarah Sunshine Manning and Cody Lucich. War Jack is a Ft. Hall tribal member and long time activist and educator. Manning is a Duck Valley tribal member and from a family of leadership. Lucich is from the Maidu nation and a conscious filmmaker. All are a part of the Standing Rock movement and will bring the spirit of water protection to this powerful evening. The panel will include clips from Lucich's documentary 'Akicita' about the Standing Rock uprising on the evening of Saturday, March 18.

#### **The Score**

SVFF's Content panel, The Score, focuses this year on the art of scoring and supervising the key ingredient to all great films: music. On Friday, March 17, KCRW DJ and music supervisor Chris Douridas (*American Beauty, Captain Fantastic, Shrek 2*) and composer Nick Urata (*Crazy, Stupid Love,*

*Naledi*) will take us on a behind-the-scenes journey through what it takes to create the soundtrack to your favorite films.

### **Tickets Available Now**

Individual film and panel tickets are now available online at [sunvalleyfilmfestival.org](http://sunvalleyfilmfestival.org)

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### ***About the 2017 Sun Valley Film Festival***

*The Sixth Annual Sun Valley Film Festival, presented by Zions Bank, will run March 15-19, 2017, and will feature a curated slate of more than 60 cutting-edge films and TV premieres, engaging Talks with top industry insiders,, fabulous parties and panels, a Screenwriters Lab led by award-winning writers – host Charles Randolph and judge Chris Moore - and the spectacular SVFF/Tito's Handmade Vodka Awards Bash. The combination of cutting-edge programming and intimate insider access in a fun, relaxed atmosphere is bringing Sun Valley Film Festival to the forefront of boutique festivals. This coming spring, filmmakers from around the world will bring their vision to the Sun Valley Film Festival, and movie lovers are invited to watch it come into focus.*

For Sun Valley Film Festival details and tickets, visit: [www.sunvalleyfilmfestival.org](http://www.sunvalleyfilmfestival.org).

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### ***About The Redford Center***

*Founded in 2005 by Jamie and Robert Redford, The Redford Center was established to transform complex social and environmental issues into entertaining, educational content that offers solutions and hope, inspiring action and positive change. As a small nonprofit with big reach, The Redford Center maximizes the impact of grassroots organizations by engaging where there's a pressing need for awareness and hope, and when public involvement and good timing can make all the difference. The strength of The Redford Center model can be seen in the success of projects: "FIGHTING GOLIATH: Texas Coal Wars" (2008), which helped halt the construction of over 230 outmoded coal-fired power plants from being built in the United States; and "WATERSHED" (2012), which helped raise more than \$10 million to acquire water rights and restore essential habitat in the depleted Colorado River Delta region. Visit [redfordcenter.org](http://redfordcenter.org) or follow us on Facebook and Twitter and Instagram.*

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