



Have you ever dreamed of attending Cannes Film Festival in France or the Sundance Film Festival in Utah? LUNAFEST® may very well give you that same experience, while benefiting the lives of women and girls right here in our own community. On March 3rd, the members of Soroptimist International of Rio Vista transform the Veterans Memorial Hall to host this national film festival of short films by, for, and about women.

Last year's event was a sell out! This year, to accommodate as many as possible, there are two showings, however, tickets are limited – so purchase your tickets early from any Soroptimist member, at Books Rio V and Pets 4 All downtown, or online at [https://lunafest\\_rv\\_2018\\_matinee.eventbrite.com](https://lunafest_rv_2018_matinee.eventbrite.com) or [https://lunafest\\_rv\\_2018\\_evening.eventbrite.com](https://lunafest_rv_2018_evening.eventbrite.com).



Both the 1:00 pm and 6:00 pm showings kick off with a reception including a no host bar, appetizers, and a raffle for amazing prizes, such as a Wine Tour for Two to Napa, Sonoma or the Russian River! Each showing is unique – the matinee includes a Fashion Show at intermission. During the evening intermission the Soroptimists recognize local recipients with the Violet Richardson, Ruby, and Live Your Dream Awards, honoring women from the community as leaders and contribute to further their education.

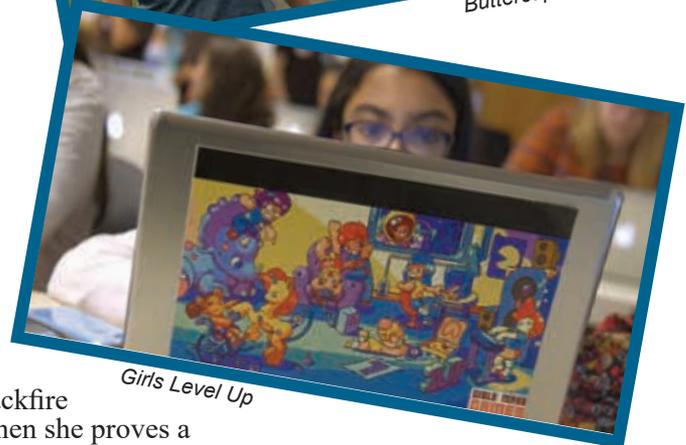
The film festival showcases the work of a diverse array of talented women filmmakers with intelligent, funny and thought-provoking themes.

This year's program includes:

**“Buttercup” by Megan Brotherton** – The story of best friends supporting each other. As Maggie struggles with her mother's death a surprise visitor helps her find joy again.

**“Girls Level Up” by Anne Edgar** – A young Pakistani women who grew up in a conservative Muslim neighborhood in the Middle East helps middle school girls in Silicon Valley realize their dream of designing their own video game.

**“Toys” by Amanda Quaid** – In 1930s farm country, a father wants a son, but he gets a little girl. He tries to toughen her up by giving her toys intended for boys. His efforts



backfire when she proves a little too capable for comfort.

**“Fanny Pack” by Uttera Singh** – A comedy about a young Indian-American woman who wants to follow her dreams and a fanny pack-clad Indian father who chases his daughter through an airport hoping that she will follow his.

**“Joy Joy Nails” by Joey Ally** – In an upmarket Connecticut strip mall, Korean Sarah manages a Korean-owned nail salon with an ever cheerful, K-pop pumping, manicured iron fist. When Chinese Mia starts training as a manicurist, and looks to be stealing the boss's son's affections, Sarah gets her claws out — only to discover the terrible truth under the varnish at Joy Joy Nails.

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Toys



Fanny Pack



Joy Joy Nails



Jesszilla



Yours Sincerely Lois Weber

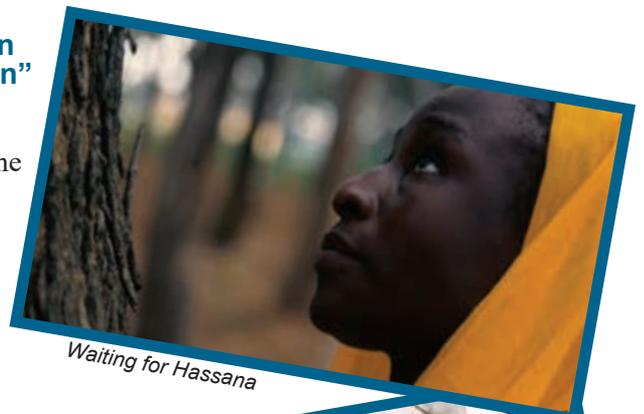
**“Jesszilla” by Emily Sheskin** – Jesselyn “Jesszilla” Silva is serious about boxing, and at 10 years old trains seriously with dreams of becoming a professional fighter. Her father, Pedro, finds himself caught in between supporting her dream and worrying about her future as she tries to master a combat sport.

**“Yours Sincerely, Lois Weber” by Svetlana Cvetko** – A tribute to the highest-paid silent film director at Universal Studios in 1916.

**“Waiting for Hassana” by Ifunaya Maduka** – In 2014, the extremist organization, Boko Haram, kidnapped 276 teenage girls from a town in northeastern Nigeria. Waiting for Hassana is a harrowing first-person account of one girl’s escape from captivity and a heart-wrenching lament for her closest friend Hassana — one of the many girls still unaccounted for.

**“Last Summer in the Garden” by Bekky O’Neil** –

Recounts one woman’s journey through a joyful, fearful time of death and rebirth.



Waiting for Hassana



Last Summer in the Garden

Soroptimist International of Rio Vista proudly partners with LUNA®, the first nutrition bar for women as their missions

are closely aligned. Soroptimist provides women and girls the resources and opportunities to reach their full potential and live their dreams and improves the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment. According to Stacia Olson, chair of this year’s festival, “The amount of money we raised last year made a huge impact in the number and size of the scholarships we were able to award and we are excited and honored to be chosen for a third time and make this an annual event.”

Don’t miss these amazing films, recognizing, celebrating, and honoring women in our community and in the world! It’s sure to be the talk of the town! Learn more about LUNAFEST® at [www.lunafest.org](http://www.lunafest.org). Look for more details closer to March 3rd at <http://siriovista.org>, or on FaceBook at <https://www.facebook.com/pg/Soroptimist-International-of-Rio-Vista>. Businesses interested in sponsoring the event or donating raffle prizes please contact Stacia Olson at [s.olson@californiadeltaliving.com](mailto:s.olson@californiadeltaliving.com).