Albany, CA (DATE) – Complex subjects, human-centered story-telling, and pure entertainment will give filmgoers a kaleidoscopic view of the world we live in at this year’s Albany FilmFest. A week of film events includes documentary, narrative, and animated shorts films from local and global independent filmmakers.

“More than ever before, our filmmakers are using their films to communicate the real issues of our times with thought and hope,” says AFF program coordinator Naomi Sigal. “From climate, activism, diversity, immigration, and identity to feminism, art, literature, and music, these short films will provoke thought and discussion, offering something for everyone.”

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.

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.

**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.

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


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](http://www.albanyfilmfest.org)

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