



BraveMaker FILM FEST

JULY 11-14, 2024

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THE SIXTH ANNUAL BRAVEMAKER FILM FEST

Welcome to our 6th annual film fest. I wasn't sure if we'd make it. Truly this year the entertainment industry had radical changes, strikes, concerns about A.I. and streaming wars. Questions like "Will theaters go away? Is social media consuming all our attention? Can I truly have a sustainable career in entertainment?" So much noise. Does anybody truly care about long form stories...or how do we make people care? I'm not sure I've figured that out But it's always been challenging to be a creator. Now maybe more than ever. And this all trickles down to film fests and nonprofits like ours. We lost nearly 40% of corporate support from years past. I haven't resorted to begging and shaming people to support us (yet) but if you'd like us to be around for year seven please become a monthly donor. Grants go away and become more competitive, corporate sponsors decline and cut back but I think we'll do great things when individuals rise up and band together to believe in our vision to educate, entertain and create community experiences for justice, diversity and inclusion. We have some incredible stories and storytellers for you to take in over these four days. I love inspiring people and making artists and audiences feel good and hopeful. But I want more. I want people to rise up and do something. That's when we know we've truly done something worthwhile and impactful. I know stories, films can do this. Stories can change the world. You are the story. We are the story!



Lights, camera, take action.
Tony Gapastione
BraveMaker Founder/Fest Director

Tony Gapastione



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Comments? Let me know about your fest experience.

BraveMaker VIPs: Impact Honorees



Avril Speaks @azuspeak

Educator through Film Independent, Sundance Institute and Distribution Advocates (founder), and producer/director *Files of the Unexplained* (Netflix).



Leah Knauer @leahknauer

Social media powerhouse braving her own way as an actress, comedian, impressionist and musical improviser.



Ken Whittingham @kennywhitt

30+ years directing on TV shows like *30 Rock*, *The Office*, *Parks and Recreation*, *Black-ish* and *Abbot Elementary* to name a few.



Nadine Crocker @nadinecrocker

Writer/Director/Producer/Actor of *Continue* (Lionsgate) and Mental Health Advocate, Founder of Continue On.



Olivia Allen @obliviaallen

Actress and co-host of @broad_ideas_pod with Rachel Bilson, and Executive Producer of the film *Continue* (Lionsgate).



Lauren Wells @thelaurenwells

Writer of all things notably *What We Do in the Shadows* (FX/Hulu) and *Lucie and Mina's Guide to Slaying Dracula* (Podcast).

THURSDAY, JULY 11th, 2024

Chan Zuckerberg Initiative (CZI) 801 Jefferson Avenue

- 1:00pm 250th BraveMaker Podcast Live Show with VIPs 🗨️
2:30pm Workshop: Mental Health for Filmmakers and In Filmmaking with Nadine Crocker and Olivia Allen 🗨️

Fox Theater 2215 Broadway

Sponsored in partnership with The TDB Family Foundation

- 5:00pm Red Carpet and Press ★
6:00pm *Daughters* 🌐
Special Guests: BraveMaker Impact Honorees ★

Courthouse Square - Outside 2200 Broadway Free

- 8:30pm **STORIES WITH A PURPOSE** 🌐
The Ally
Mandy's Voice
Beyond

Fox Theater 2215 Broadway*

- 8:30pm Opening Night Mingle Party/Gala 🎵★
**8:30-10:00pm for ticketed audience members and all access pass holders*
10:00pm **SECRET LGBTQ+ DRAG FEATURE FILM** 🌐
Preceded by Short Film *Alex is a Queen*

FRIDAY, JULY 12th, 2024

Chan Zuckerberg Initiative (CZI) 801 Jefferson Avenue

- 9:45am Pitch Prep with Roadmap Writers 🗨️★
10:00am Producing Round Table 🗨️★
11:30am Actors Improv Fun with Leah Knauer 🗨️★
12:30pm **FILMS, LUNCH AND CONVERSATIONS ABOUT HOPE AND JUSTICE** 🌐
Super Man Doesn't Steal
Ascendance
Sweet Santa Barbara Brown
2:30pm AI and Filmmaking Panel for Students 🗨️

History Museum 2200 Broadway

- 3:00pm Entertainment Industry Panel with Special VIP Guests 🗨️★

BraveMaker Hub 1018 Main

- 1:00pm Creating a Series and Being a Creator by Sean McCarthy 🗨️
5:30pm Actors/Screenwriters/Directors Meet-Up 🗨️★
7:15pm Workshop: How the Heck Do You Make a Feature Film?
Hosted by Tony Gapastione with Nadine Crocker 🗨️★

Century Theatres 825 Middlefield Screen #15

- 11:00am **A DIFFERENT POINT OF VIEW** 🍿
Pearl in the Window
Enemy No More
Finding Hope in America
- 1:30pm **HOW FAR?** 🍿
Re-Entrification: Oakland
How Far Can We Go?
- 3:30pm **BREATHE, HUSTLE, SETTLE, HIDE, START OVER** 🍿
Friendly Signs
A Clean Slate
Breathe
Cold as Ice
Welcome Home
- 7:00pm **CAN YOU FEEL IT?** 🍿
Baggage Claim
My Dearest Elizabeth
Walter, Grace and the Submarine
- 9:30pm **MYSTERY, DEATH AND THE DEVIL** 🍿
The Devil Ain't Pius
Sock It to Me
Cottage Grove
Effervescence

Century Theatres 825 Middlefield Screen #19

- 10:30am **LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL** 🍿
A Clean Slate
Choices
A Beautiful Lie
- 1:30pm **OPEN EARS, HEARTS, MINDS, SOUL** 🍿
Love Sweet Sound
Enemy No More
Evy's Wish
Tracing History
- 4:00pm **LGBTQ+ STORIES** 🍿
Fabric Skin
Alex is a Queen
(Un)Free Will
Median
One Night Stand
Ave Maria
- 6:30pm **BAY AREA MAKER SPOTLIGHT** 🍿
Food Run
Einstein's Twin
The Moon is in Aquarius
- 9:45pm **LATE NIGHT BRAVE FAVES** 🍿
+Trigger warning. May contain strong themes, nudity, sexuality.
Blood Money
Bloody, Bloody Coda
He Won't Belong
Prophet

Girl at Mirror
The After
Miracle Wood

Blacksmith + Nighthawk Bar Open until 2am 🍷

SATURDAY, JULY 13th, 2024

BraveMaker Hub 1018 Main

- 10:45am Roadmap Writers: Screenwriting Panel with Lauren Wells 🗨️★
12:45pm Special Makeup FX with Pandora FX 🗨️
4:00pm Master Your Story Workshop by Sean McCarthy 🗨️
6:15pm Mental Health for Filmmakers and On Screen in Films with Nadine Crocker and Olivia Allen 🗨️★
8:00pm Projects under \$20,000 Can Hire Union Actors with SAG-AFTRA 🗨️ *Free*

Century Theatres 825 Middlefield Screen #19

- 10:00am **FAMILY FRIENDLY PROGRAM** 🍿
Coach Pancake
The Purple Glasses
Limitless
Little Fan
Self
Pizza Monster
Dynasty and Destiny
Music by Becky Alex 🎵
Acoustic Music by Ryan Woodard 🎵
- 12:15pm **HOME, WORK, TRIBE, FAMILY, MEMORIES** 🍿
L'Hypermnésique
Welcome Home
Cold as Ice
My Dearest Elizabeth
Re-Entrification: San Francisco
- 3:00pm **BRAVEMAKER ACADEMY SHORTS** 🍿
Better Off Ed
Speed Date Me
The Eulogies
- 4:45pm **LIFE, LOVE, AND LAW** 🍿
Always
Bar Daddy
- 7:00pm **TERMINAL VACATION** 🍿
Baggage Claim
Another Feature Film Secret Screening
- 9:45pm **LATE NIGHT BRAVE FAVES** 🍿
+Trigger warning. May contain strong themes, nudity, sexuality.
One Night Stand
Lost Boys Pizza
Sorry We're Dead

SCAN FOR MORE INFO!



Century Theatres 825 Middlefield Screen #15

10:15am BIG SCREEN STUDENT FILMS 🎬

On the Brink: The Battle for Democracy
Suenos De Mi Hija
Fabric Skin
Inseparably Estranged
Consequences

12:15pm GLOBAL MOVEMENTS, POWERFUL VOICES 🎬

Just Like Me
Color of Autumn
The Chorus We Carry
Black Voices from the Ivory Tower
A Divine Journey

2:30pm CONSCIOUSNESS AT A CROSSROADS 🎬

The Feast
Early Adopter
Love and Work

5:45pm LET'S WALK (AND ROCK) THROUGH LIFE 🎬

1986 Punk Show
San Francisco Blues
My Dearest Elizabeth
Walter Grace and the Submarine

8:15 pm REFLECTIONS 🎬

Lost Not Forgotten
Woman Dies Alone
Bloody Bloody Coda
Effervescence
Girl at Mirror

Library 1044 Middlefield Rd; 2nd Floor Community Room *Free*

In Partnership with Women in Film San Francisco Bay Area

1:00pm Women in Entertainment Panel Discussion Hosted by Priscilla Lam, Nadine Crocker, Olivia Allen, Leah Knauer, Avril Speaks, Lauren Wells, Angela Harvey 🗣️★

3:00pm Foley Sound Workshop Led by Student Filmmakers 🗣️

4:00pm Making a Student Film Festival Q&A 🗣️

San Mateo County History Museum 2200 Broadway

3:30pm Pitch Contest with VIP Guests and *Continue On* 🗣️★

Blacksmith + Nighthawk Bar Open until 2am 🍸



**SCAN OUR FILM GUIDE
FOR MORE DETAILS AND
FILM DESCRIPTIONS.**

** We reserve the right to change/swap films in any program due to tech/delivery conflicts*

SUNDAY, JULY 14th, 2024

Century Theatres 825 Middlefield Screen #15

11:00am **LOVE, LOSS AND STORIES OF HOPE** 🍿

Pearl in the Window
Cadence: A Love Story
A Divine Journey
Always
Friendly Signs

2:00pm **HOLD ON FOR YOUR LIFE** 🍿

Breathe
Bar Daddy

4:30pm **SEEKING HOPE, MAKING SENSE OF LIFE** 🍿

Tracing History
Finding Hope in America
Elements: A Short Anthology

6:45pm **BUCKLE IN, BUCKLE UP** 🍿

Miracle Wood
Rise of Chow
Sock It To Me
Blood Money
The After

Century Theatres 825 Middlefield Screen #19

10:00am **FILM CHURCH** 🍿

Music by Matt Nightingale
Just Like Me
Re-Entrification: A Place We Call Home
Spoken Word Poetry by Lyrical Opposition

12:30pm **BLACK STORIES AND TELLERS** 🍿

Woman Dies Alone
Cottage Grove
Cold as Ice
Superman Doesn't Steal
Choices
Breathe
Sweet Santa Barbara Brown

3:30pm **BRAVEMAKER ACADEMY SHORTS II** 🍿

Speed Date Me
Better Off Ed
Infectious Theatre

5:00pm **BAY AREA SHORTS** 🍿

Elizabeth Mitchell McCarthy Tribute
Re-Entrification: San Francisco
The Bright Side of Being Barren
Tryouts
The Elevator Dance (For Elisa) Remix
AscenDance
Trapped in Motion
Birdhouse

Amelia Runs Through a Meadow
Hotel Babel
3AM
Re-Entrification: Oakland

Library 1044 Middlefield Rd; 2nd Floor Teen Center

1:30pm Live Shorts Competition Student Workshop 🗨️

3:00pm **STUDENT SHORT FILMS** 🎬

On The Brink: The Battle for Democracy

Inseparably Estranged

Over the Years

Sueños De Mi Hija

Guiding Light

In the End

Lost in the Woods

Fabric Skin

BraveMaker Hub 1018 Main

10:15am Branding and Building Your Audience with Social Media
by Leah Knauer 🗨️★

12:30pm Intimacy Coordination with Heather Ondersma 🗨️

2:00pm Working in TV with Lauren Wells and Ken Whittingham 🗨️★

3:30pm iPhone Filmmaking Workshop with Keena Ferguson 🗨️

BraveMaker Hub 1018 Main

8:00pm **Closing Night Party + Pitch Fest Grantee Awards** 🍹★

EVENT KEY



Film



Party



Discussion /Workshop



Music

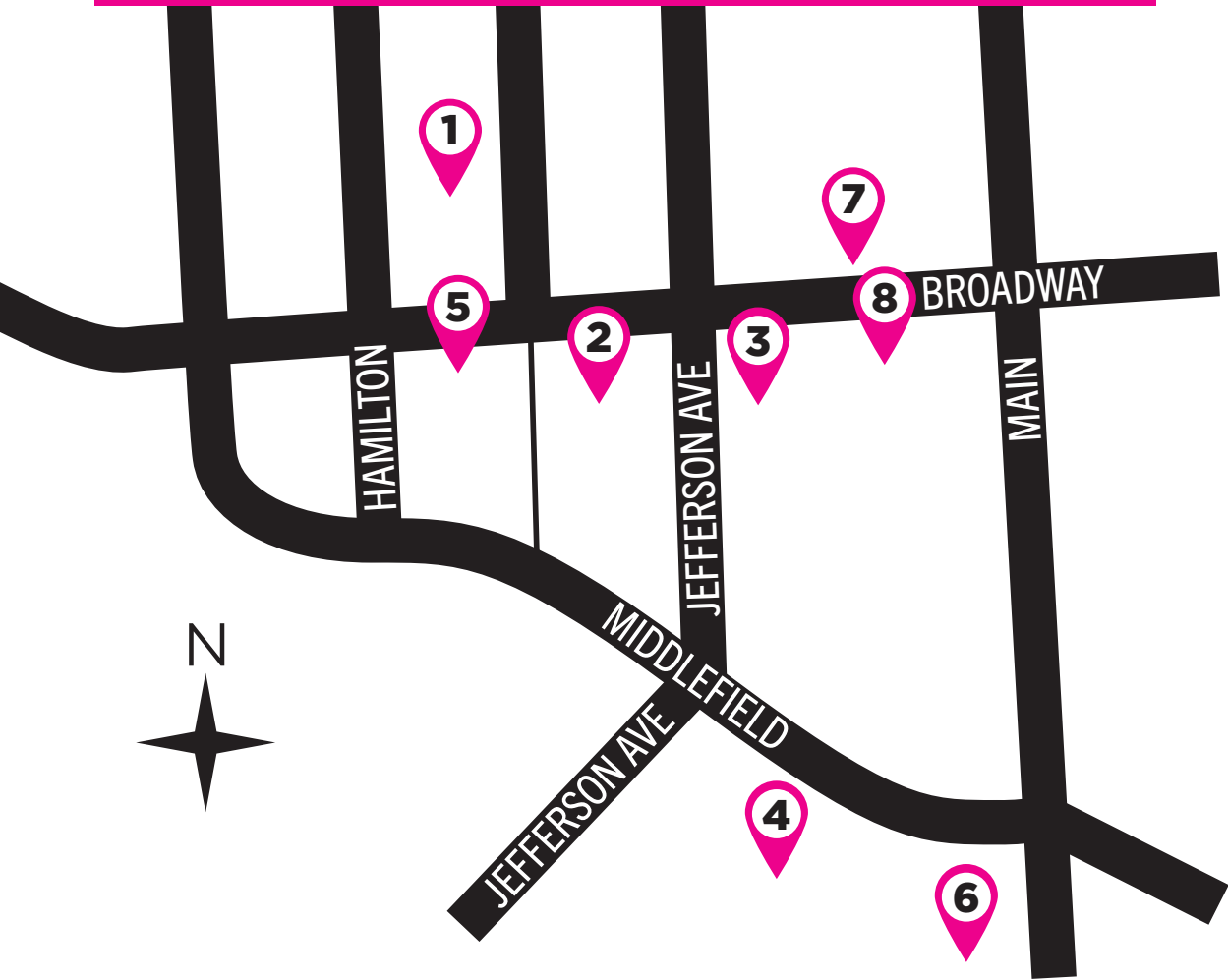


Meet Our VIP Honorees

HAVE A QUESTION?

YOU CAN CALL/TEXT 650-701-7661 AND WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO RESPOND ASAP.

MAP OF LOCATIONS



1. History Museum & Courthouse Square
2. Century Theatres
3. Chan Zuckerberg Initiative (CZI)
4. Library

5. Fox Theater
6. BraveMaker Hub
7. Blacksmith 🍷
8. Nighthawk 🍷

** all venues are ADA compliant*

** all films are open captioned for inclusivity of all audiences*



Looking for creative support and professional development as a maker? Join BraveMaker's Monday Mastermind, weekly, 10am PT, for guest speakers, collaborative discussion and insight to achieve your filmmaking/acting goals. Members get 50% off fest tickets, 20% off classes and free mixers. BraveMaker.com/Membership

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