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# Welcome to ILLUMINATE 2016

## Letter from the Director



Dear ILLUMINATES,

Welcome. As the house lights dim and the first flickers of magic appear on the screen, I invite you to imagine a new world—and a new you. This, my friends, is moviegoing—not as escape, but as elevation... and evolution.

Evolution may be catalyzed by those who create and popularize enlightened cinematic works, but it is you, the audience, who carries expanded thought and newly

shaped perspectives into the global consciousness. Never doubt that we are making a difference in the world. Through our efforts, the film industry is starting to embrace conscious cinema and realize its value. Distributors are taking chances on new film titles. Audiences are adopting new practices and new ways of living and being. Together, we are pioneering a movement.

Moving us forward this year are several exciting additions to the festival. I could not be more pleased to present our inaugural Conscious Visionary Award to a most deserving candidate, Dr. Michael Bernard Beckwith. Opening this year's Conscious Film Convergence as our keynote is the charismatic Chaz Ebert (and who better to commentate on the power of cinema?). In keeping with the times, and to remain at the frontier, we're expanding our lineup to include episodic storytelling, family programming and a Virtual Reality zone, where you will have your mind blown!

Over five days, this is my hope for you. As you connect with our heroes and heroines, may you be guided, uplifted and inspired. As you move among the crowds, may you find your tribe and share in transcendent experiences that illuminate the human spirit and move it forward.

On a personal note, I am eternally grateful to our donors, sponsors and the incredible ILLUMINATE Dream Team who make this festival possible. Thank you for your unwavering dedication, conscious presence and support of this grand mission. I love you all.

Now, cue the movie magic....

Yours in oneness,

Danette Wolpert  
Founder & Executive Director

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## Festival at a Glance

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Paradigm-busting narratives, documentaries and shorts on consciousness, wellness, organic and plant-based nutrition, spiritual practice, body-mind science and sustainable living

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Samplings and services of the region's best wellness practitioners, energy workers and health experts offered alongside acoustic grooves and delicious eats

## VIP All-Access Passes

### PASS BENEFITS

- Unlimited film screenings
- Launch Party and Outdoor Screening
- Free healing session at the Healing Lounge
- Access to Conscious Film Convergence
- Access to nightly VIP receptions
- Priority ticketing
- Priority access into theater

### ALL-ACCESS PASSHOLDER INFORMATION

All-Access passholders must reserve individual tickets to screenings and panels (one ticket per screening/panel per pass). Passholders enjoy priority access, allowing them entrance into the theater FIRST before general ticket buyers.

### ALL-ACCESS BADGE and TICKET PICKUP

Badges and tickets for All-Access passholders are available for pickup at Guest/VIP Registration beginning Wednesday, June 1.

#### Guest/VIP Registration Desk hours:

The Collective Sedona	Wednesday, June 1	6:30 – 8:00 pm
The Lodge at Sedona	Thursday, June 2	10:00 am – 5:00 pm
	Friday, June 3	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
	Saturday, June 4	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
	Sunday, June 5	9:00 am – 4:00 pm

## To Purchase Tickets

<b>Online:</b>	illuminatefilmfestival.com
<b>Email:</b>	IFF@completeticketsolutions.com
<b>By Phone:</b>	877-766-8163 Monday, May 2, until Sunday, June 5 Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 5:30 pm EDT Saturday, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm EDT

**Box Office:** Patrons may purchase tickets for all festival screenings at Mary D. Fisher Theatre and Sedona Performing Arts Center (see page 13 for venue locations). Venue box offices open **45 minutes before the venue's first screening** of the day and close 30 minutes after the final screening starts.

### GENERAL TICKETING INFORMATION

- Seating for pass and ticket holders is **guaranteed up to 15 minutes prior to the screening** (seats will then be sold to individuals in the Rush Line). Arrive 15 to 30 minutes ahead of time for priority admission and guaranteed seating.
- All tickets and passes are nonrefundable and nontransferable. No refunds or exchanges.
- All programs and times are subject to change without notice.
- To attend all receptions, you must be over the age of 21.

### RUSH LINE POLICY

If all advance tickets for a screening have been sold, a Rush Line will form beginning one hour prior to the scheduled start time. Ten minutes before the screening's start time, the Rush Line will be admitted on a space-available basis. Unfortunately, there is no guarantee of tickets to guests in this line. Voucher redemption or cash only.

All festival venues and theaters are ADA accessible. For ADA needs, please call 928-421-1108.

## Ticketing and Registration

PRICES	Early Bird	Regular
	Until May 13	
All-Access pass	SOLD OUT	\$444
Conscious Film Convergence pass	SOLD OUT	\$249
Opening Night screening	\$20	\$25
Closing Screening and concert	\$30	\$35
Conscious Visionary Tribute	\$30	\$35
Spotlight Screening	\$20	\$25
Regular screenings	\$11	\$14
Reel Healing "View & Do" screenings	\$20	\$25
Conscious Film Convergence Panels	\$20	\$25

PACKAGES	Early Bird	Regular
	Until May 13	
<b>Opening and Closing Films Package</b> Opening Night screening and Closing Screening and concert	\$44	\$50
<b>SPAC Pack</b> Three evening screenings at the Sedona Performing Arts Center Main Theater (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)	\$66	\$81
<b>Convergence Panels Package</b> Tickets to Convergence Panels and Conversations, plus Spotlight Screening	\$99	\$125

# Launch Party and Outdoor Screening



Wednesday, June 1, 6:30 – 9:10 pm  
The Collective Sedona

ILLUMINATE LAUNCH PARTY  
and Free Outdoor Screening



## The storytelling magic begins under a starlit Sedona sky.

Bring a blanket and we'll supply the fun! Enjoy a spectacular night's entertainment under the stars at The Collective Sedona. There's lots to explore here: Indulge in healthy food from our favorite local eateries and check out the cool shops. Then kick back as we kick off the festival with our free music, moves and movie.



Justin C. Haulbrook, the director of the evening's film, will perform, as well as our very own local musicians Adalia Tara Middleton, Porangui and Nathan Gangadean. You will be dazzled by the incredible feats of Brandon Scott, flow artist extraordinaire. Later, listen for your name as we award fun prizes, then just as the stars begin to come out, we will screen Justin's film, *Be More*.



This night we launch our collective journey to higher consciousness. Don't miss it!

### Free and open to the community

Food and beverages for sale

Complimentary reception for Badgeholders, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

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## BE MORE WORK IN PROGRESS

Director: Justin C. Haulbrook • Documentary Feature  
USA • 2016 • 80 minutes  
The Collective Sedona

Get ready for an epic, four-year journey that culminates in one incredible week of inspiration and life changes. In 2011, seven artists and activists decided to create a more compassionate world. How? By transforming the lives of 20 teenagers in seven days. Joaquin Phoenix narrates as everyday teens travel cross-country to attend CAMP MORE. Despite fear, they confront their toughest issues: family trauma, gender identity, bullying. They dive deep, showing us the spiritual and healing power of sharing.

Join us for a Q&A with director Justin C. Haulbrook as we look at how everyday heroes change the world.



Be More



OPENING NIGHT SCREENING

## MAYA ANGELOU AND STILL I RISE ARIZONA PREMIERE

Directors: Rita Coburn Whack, Bob Hercules • Documentary Feature  
USA • 2016 • 114 minutes

**Thursday, June 2, 6:00 – 8:40 pm**  
Sedona Performing Arts Center—Main Theater

We open with the story of the great wise woman of our time. Dr. Maya Angelou shines as an example of empowerment by living one's truth. Through her imperfections and times of darkness, she showed us a courageous, unwavering spirit that resonates even after her death. Her ability to mentor through her words and to push boundaries inspires generations.

*Maya Angelou: And Still I Rise* reflects on the events of history, culture and the arts that shaped the poet's life and how she, in turn, helped mold our own worldview. Learn how Dr. Angelou found her voice as an eloquent writer and performer at the intersection of the struggle for civil rights, the Women's Movement, and the cultural and political realignments of the 1970s and '80s.

Luminaries such as Alice Walker, Oprah Winfrey, Common, James Earl Jones and many more voice the lasting changes Dr. Angelou inspired in the world—and leave you feeling closer to the legend herself.

**A Q&A with director Rita Coburn Whack follows.**

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CLOSING SCREENING  
and Concert

## MANTRA – SOUNDS INTO SILENCE WORK IN PROGRESS

Director: Georgia Wyss • Documentary Clips  
Spain • 2016 • 35 minutes

**Sunday, June 5, 1:00 – 2:55 pm**  
Sedona Performing Arts Center—Main Theater

There's a bliss revolution rising—and you are invited! Millions are discovering the inner peace of kirtan, or practicing Bhakti Yoga, the ancient spiritual tradition of chanting with music and dancing.

In a special premiere of film clips and intimate conversation with director Georgia Wyss, we invite you to shift into the joy that kirtan brings as it changes musical paradigms across the world. We glimpse behind-the-scenes interviews with kirtan superstars Krishna Das, Deva Premal & Miten with Manrose, Jai Uttal and others, whose life work raises the consciousness of the world through spiritual song.

**A Q&A with director Georgia Wyss, executive producer Howard Glasser and artist Jai Uttal follows.**

## JAI UTTAL CONCERT AN INTERACTIVE MUSIC IMMERSION

ILLUMINATE is proud to present Grammy-nominated singer and beloved kirtan wallah Jai Uttal, who has been leading kirtans worldwide for over thirty years. Chanting mantras creates a transformative power and healing energy, and Jai is the master of leading heart-centered and love-drenched concerts. You might even find yourself dancing in the aisles! Joining Jai will be Sedona favorite Three Trees—healer, teacher, musician, artist and creator of SoulMonic Sound Healing. Come experience true musical enlightenment!

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# Conscious Visionary Tribute



**LOVE, SWEAT AND TEARS** WORLD PREMIERE

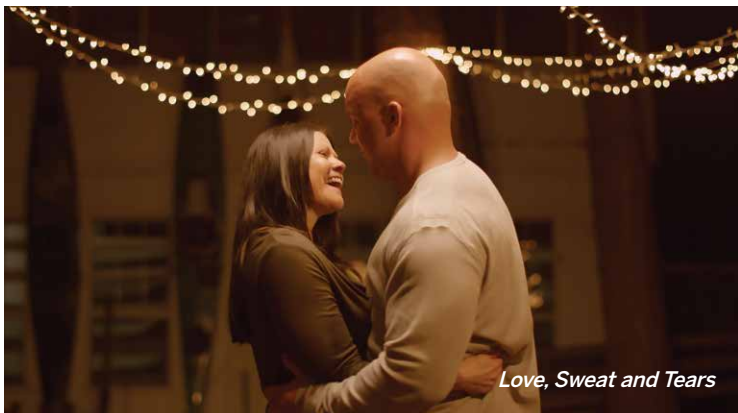
FEATURE COMPETITION

Director: Scott Jacobs • Documentary Feature  
USA • 2016 • 82 minutes

**Friday, June 3, 7:00 – 9:30 pm**  
Sedona Performing Arts Center—Main Theater

Isn't it about time to smash the "M-word" taboo? We think so. Meet Dr. Pam—America's Romance Menopause Doctor. Loved and respected by women and men alike for her groundbreaking work, Pamela Gaudry, MD, helps women traverse the isolation, confusion and fear of this phase, redirecting them toward a happier, healthier life—including great sex! Joined by Dr. Michael Beckwith and Reverent June Gatlin, watch as she marries the medical with the spiritual, making sexuality an intrinsic part of sacred self-care. Bonus: Riotous comedians Joan Rivers (in one of her last appearances), Jenny McCarthy and others help us heal through laughter, the best medicine.

**Get your "M" on! Join us for a Q&A with director Scott Jacobs, executive producer Jim Stone and cinematographer Roxy Stone along with cast members Dr. Pamela Gaudry, Reverent June Gatlin and Dr. Michael Bernard Beckwith.**



## Followed by ILLUMINATE's Conscious Visionary Tribute to Dr. Michael Bernard Beckwith

ILLUMINATE introduces the inaugural Conscious Visionary Award! With gratitude and love, we honor a pioneer in the world of conscious cinema, spirituality and human transformation. Our first recipient, Dr. Michael Bernard Beckwith, is recognized for his unparalleled record of bringing hope, love and encouragement to millions of spiritual seekers. As the creator of the Agape worldwide community, he has developed a legacy of spiritual leadership for faithful parishioners, students, healers and teachers who carry his message of social change and human advocacy. He continues to inspire humanity through his ministries, books, audio recordings and numerous film and television appearances.

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## TONY ROBBINS: I AM NOT YOUR GURU ARIZONA PREMIERE

Director: Joe Berlinger • Documentary Feature  
USA • 2016 • 115 minutes

**Saturday, June 4, 6:45 – 9:15 pm**  
Sedona Performing Arts Center—Main Theater

Internationally renowned life and business strategist as well as best-selling author, Tony Robbins, is at the center of this revelatory cinema verité that goes behind the scenes, pulling back the curtain on a man that traverses the globe and counsels over 200,000 people annually. Academy Award® nominee Joe Berlinger (*Paradise Lost*, *Brother's Keeper* and *Crude*), takes you on an emotional roller coaster that unveils Tony's ability to transform the thoughts and feelings of his participants, enabling them to take control of their own lives right then and there. Powerful and uncompromising, this film delivers an inside look at how one man affects millions. It is an empowering and unforgettable force that will ignite the giant in you.

**A Q&A with a surprise guest follows!**

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## A Special Thank You to Our Volunteers

The selfless efforts of ILLUMINATE's volunteers can never be measured or applauded enough. They are the backbone of our organization. From our unbelievably dedicated core team to our seasonal team to our festival shift workers, our volunteers are our greatest asset. The ILLUMINATE Film Festival pays tribute to the women and men who have given months, weeks, days or hours of their time to serve our mission.

Where would we be without volunteers  
Who quickly respond when a need appears?  
This is the way you have chosen to serve—  
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And YOUR time can only be given by YOU!  
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When people like you are so willing to give.  
With this attitude of love and of care  
You will find a welcome anywhere.  
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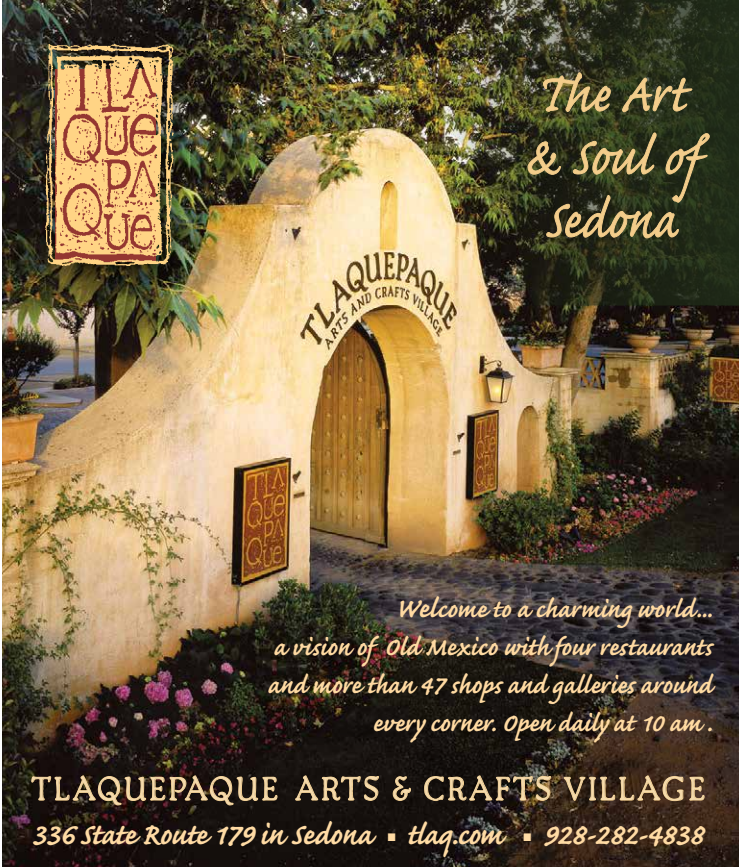
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# Feature Competition



## VEGAN: EVERYDAY STORIES WORLD PREMIERE

Director: Glenn Scott Lacey • Documentary Feature  
USA • 2016 • 93 minutes

**Saturday, June 4, 4:00 – 6:15 pm**  
Mary D. Fisher Theatre

Explore the lives of four remarkably different people who share a plate—they're all vegan. There's ultrarunner Yassine Diboun, who runs from a past that nearly cost him his life. Meet Renee King-Sonnen, who falls in love with her husband's ranch animals. Then there's Jerri Hastey, owner of a food truck serving up vegan change, one meal at a time. And finally, meet Genesis Butler, who asked her mom where her chicken nuggets came from—when she was 3—and now works to protect all the world's animals. We'll also meet celebrity vegans Russell Simmons, Moby and Ed Begley, Jr.

**A Q&A with director Glenn Scott Lacey, producer Eric Day and cinematographer Ian Stout, along with cast members Genesis Butler, Genelle Palacio-Butler and Renee King-Sonnen, follows.**



## PLANTING SEEDS OF MINDFULNESS WORLD PREMIERE

Directors: Gregory Kennedy-Salemi, Stuart Jolley • Mixed-Media Narrative Feature  
USA • 2015 • 66 minutes • FAMILY PROGRAM

**Saturday, June 4, 10:30 am – 12:20 pm**  
Sedona Performing Arts Center—Black Box Theater

Families—young and old alike—will revel in this live-action animated film featuring riveting music by Tina Turner. Based on the teachings of world-renowned Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh, *Planting Seeds of Mindfulness* explores our teenage hero's growth through meditation. As his grandfather teaches him, he transforms his outlook on life to resonate peace, love and compassion instead of teenage angst over his trials. He harnesses a powerful tool that children, parents and teachers can develop to promote peace within and in the world.

**A Q&A with director Gregory Kennedy-Salemi follows.**

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## REEL HEALING

A comprehensive "View & Do" experience: A soul-inspiring movie followed by an immersive healing program or performance for a deeper integration of the movie's message

**Also in competition:**

*Love, Sweat and Tears* (see page 4)



## REEL HEALING Creating Mindful Moments with Family

Stay after the film for a fun-filled playshop for children ages 5 through 13 and their families. Learn and practice sanity-saving mindfulness techniques. Sitara Van Block, a transpersonal

therapist, will lead us in creative movement, discussion, crafts and meditation exercises. Sitara has worked with children and in the practices of yoga and consciousness for 25 years. These techniques are a must for conscious parenting, as they help families problem-solve ordinary, everyday issues from home, school and community. Take home your very own meditation pebbles to support your family's personal practice.



## FEATURE COMPETITION

Feature-length narratives and documentaries having their World, International or US Premiere at ILLUMINATE  
(COMPETITION WILL BE JUDGED BY A JURY OF REPUTABLE FILM INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS.)

TICKETS

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## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE SOUTHWEST PREMIERE

Director: Tom Donahue • Documentary Feature  
USA • 2015 • 90 minutes

**Saturday, June 4, 10:00 am – 12:25 pm**  
**Sunday, June 5, 1:00 – 2:50 pm**  
Mary D. Fisher Theatre

Interweaving the stories of four Iraq War veterans, *Thank You for Your Service* takes aim at the nation's crippled understanding of war trauma and failed policies designed to treat a national crisis. Reentry into civilian life presents difficult and varied challenges of PTSD, from survivor's guilt to moral dilemma. However, alternative modalities in Native American ceremonial rituals, inner peace derived from meditative practice and the tranquility brought by equine therapy brings these soldiers real healing. Listen to candid interviews of top military and civilian leaders, including Defense Secretary Robert Gates, Admiral Mike Mullen, Generals David Petraeus and Loree Sutton, Senator Patty Murray and Mayor Rudy Giuliani.

**A Q&A with director Tom Donahue, producer Ilan Arboleda and Sgt. William Rodriguez follows.**



## FROM THIS DAY FORWARD SEDONA PREMIERE

Director: Sharon Shattuck • Documentary Feature  
USA • 2015 • 77 minutes

**Friday, June 3, 4:00 – 6:20 pm**  
Sedona Performing Arts Center—Black Box Theater

With her own wedding just around the corner, filmmaker Sharon Shattuck returns home to examine the mystery at the heart of her upbringing: how her transgender father, Trisha, and her straight-identified mother, Marcia, stayed together against all odds. *From This Day Forward* is a moving portrayal of an American family coping with the most intimate of transformations. Her father, an artist, uses painting as catharsis, as a way to reach the beauty within and stay connected to her true identity. Her mother, a physician, finds herself doubting whether she can love her husband as a woman. The film raises important questions relevant to all of us. How do we adapt to sustain love long term? Where do sexuality and gender intersect? And how do families stay together when social norms dictate otherwise?

**A Q&A with Trisha Shattuck and Marcia Shattuck follows.**



### REEL HEALING Healing the Body with Yoga Nidra



Join Sgt. William Rodriguez, MSW, featured film subject and an iRest graduate, as he leads us in a profound and moving Yoga Nidra experience to rest the body and soul. Over the past 10 years, William has dedicated his time and study to

helping people cope with issues such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), suicide, anxiety, depression and substance abuse through this powerful tool. **(Saturday screening only)**



### REEL HEALING Trembling Hands, Trembling Mind



Is there any doubt that art can heal? Following the film, use art as a healing tool to connect the body and mind through the balancing of the left-right and feminine-masculine sides of the brain. Trisha leads this

integrative workshop where you can see how much control and accuracy you have drawing simple shapes. Then compare your ability after you utilize Trisha's amazing hand-steadying technique.

**Following the program, we offer you a golden opportunity to acquire an original piece of artwork from Trisha during our live auction!**

## SOCIAL ISSUES / CONSCIOUS SOLUTIONS

Films tackling social issues paired with immersions offering mind-body-spirit-focused solutions

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## OPENING NIGHT RECEPTION

Thursday, June 2, 8:30 – 11:00 pm



Celebrate the opening of the 3rd Annual ILLUMINATE Film Festival! Join us after the screening of *Maya Angelou: And Still I Rise* for a late-night gathering in the quaint Patio de las Campanas at Tlaquepaque, Sedona's premier shopping and dining destination. Enjoy tapas, drinks and an amazing flamenco display under the stars as we toast the best in conscious cinema.

Admission: **Badgeholders** only.



## SEDONA EXPERIENCE

Friday, June 3, 9:30 – Midnight



### MANIFESTATION THROUGH POWER OF INTENTION

Experience a beautiful light ceremony under the stars with Meta Health Coach Catherine Brando of Wanaheal. Through the use of simple techniques, we will open our hearts, raise our frequency and use the universal law of resonance in unison to manifest what we most desire. Tune into the power of intention,

clear your energy field and experience magic in the labyrinth at The Lodge at Sedona.

Please dress warmly as the ceremony will be held outdoors. Food and drinks will be provided.

Admission: **Badgeholders** only.

## SPOTLIGHT SOIRÉE

Saturday, June 4, 9:30 pm – 12:30 am



Come get your groove on! Eat, drink and be merry at our late-night VIP party. After you watch the Spotlight Screening, we invite you to come and dance the night away at Picazzo's, where you will be plied with drinks, superb food (vegan, vegetarian, omnivore or gluten free), incredible tunes and the company of your fellow Illuminates!

Admission: **Badgeholders** only.



## HEALING HAPPY HOURS



**Friday, June 3**

6:00 – 7:00 pm

**Saturday, June 4**

Noon – 1:00 pm  
5:45 – 6:45 pm

**Sunday, June 5**

Noon – 1:00 pm

Don't miss Healing Happy Hours at the Sedona Performing Arts Center where you can sample the services of the region's best health and wellness practitioners at the wonderful Healing Lounge. Listen to live music that elevates and inspires. Sessions during Healing Happy Hours are BY DONATION.

Treat yourself to a unique product from our Conscious Marketplace. Tempt your taste buds with mouthwatering ILLUMINATE chocolate or delectable meals and other tasty treats from ChocolaTree, Sedona's popular organic eatery.

## PRE-FEST QUESTS



Sedona! Arrive early to exchange those travel vibes for some red rock magic. Get grounded Thursday, June 2, with guided "best of Sedona" experiences. Relax the kinks with outdoor yoga surrounded by breathtaking views. Take an energizing hike to feel our famous vortexes. Or maybe explore the spectacular red rock canyons with new friends in an open-air Jeep. These Pre-Fest Quests will connect you directly with Sedona's energy. You'll be refreshed and attuned for your conscious cinema transformation!

# Festival Grid

	SCREENINGS and PANELS			HEALING LOUNGE	EVENTS
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> June 1	Mary D. Fisher Theatre	Sedona Performing Arts Center Main Theater	Sedona Performing Arts Center Black Box Theater	Sedona Performing Arts Center Lobby	Various
	6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM 8:00 PM 8:30 PM 9:00 PM 9:30 PM				LAUNCH PARTY and FREE OUTDOOR SCREENING at The Collective Sedona <i>Be More</i> 6:30 – 9:10 pm
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		<i>The C Word</i> Noon – 1:35 pm			
		<i>Home Care</i> Reel Healing 2:15 – 4:35 pm			
			OPENING NIGHT <i>Maya Angelou And Still I Rise</i> 6:00 – 8:40 pm		
					OPENING NIGHT RECEPTION 8:30 – 11:00 pm
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			<i>The C Word</i> 10:45 am – 12:20 pm		Filmmaker/Guest Lunch Noon – 1:00 pm
		<i>Teal: The Making of a Spiritual Teacher (Open Shadow)</i> Reel Healing 1:00 – 3:05 pm	Keynote by Chaz Ebert and Norman Seeff—The Power of a Dream 1:00 – 2:45 pm	<i>Pursuing Happiness</i> Reel Healing 1:00 – 3:20 pm	
			Investing in Transformational Entertainment 3:00 – 4:00 pm		Healing Lounge 2:30 – 7:00 pm
		<i>Orange Sunshine</i> Panel Discussion 4:15 – 6:30 pm	Conscious Cinema Accelerator 4:30 – 6:15 pm	<i>From This Day Forward</i> Reel Healing 4:00 – 6:20 pm	Healing Happy Hour 6:00 – 7:00 pm
			<i>Love, Sweat and Tears</i> with Conscious Visionary Tribute to Dr. Michael Bernard Beckwith 7:00 – 9:30 pm		
					SEDONA EXPERIENCE 9:30 pm – Midnight
<b>SATURDAY</b> June 4	Mary D. Fisher Theatre	Sedona Performing Arts Center Main Theater	Sedona Performing Arts Center Black Box Theater	Sedona Performing Arts Center Lobby	Various
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		<i>Thank You for Your Service</i> Reel Healing 10:00 am – 12:25 pm	Conscious Media and the Mainstream: Finding Your Audience 11:00 am – Noon	<i>Planting Seeds of Mindfulness</i> Reel Healing 10:30 am – 12:20 pm	Healing Happy Hour Noon – 1:00 pm
			Distribution Therapy 1:15 – 2:15 pm	<i>The Highest Pass</i> 1:15 – 3:10 pm	Filmmaker/Guest Lunch Noon – 1:00 pm
		<i>Icaros: A Vision and Sister Jaguar's Journey</i> 1:15 – 3:20 pm	Act of Transformation: A Screenwriter's Wkshp 2:30 – 3:30 pm		Healing Lounge Noon – 6:45 pm
		<i>Vegan: Everyday Stories</i> 4:00 – 6:15 pm	Diving into Virtual Reality Content 4:30 – 5:30 pm	<i>Home Care</i> Reel Healing 3:45 – 6:05 pm	Healing Happy Hour 5:45 – 6:45 pm
			<i>Tony Robbins: I Am Not Your Guru</i> 6:45 – 9:15 pm		
					SPOTLIGHT SOIRÉE 9:30 pm – 12:30 am
<b>SUNDAY</b> June 5	Mary D. Fisher Theatre	Sedona Performing Arts Center Main Theater	Sedona Performing Arts Center Black Box Theater	Sedona Performing Arts Center Lobby	Various
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		<i>TreeStory and Catching Fire</i> Reel Healing 10:15 am – 12:20 pm		<i>A New High</i> 10:30 am – 12:15 pm	Conscious Cinema Summit 10:00 am – Noon
			CLOSING <i>Mantra – Sounds into Silence</i> Kirtan with Jai Uttal 1:00 – 2:55 pm		Filmmaker/Guest Lunch Noon – 1:00 pm
		<i>Thank You for Your Service</i> 1:00 – 2:50 pm			Healing Lounge Noon – 6:00 pm
		PRIVATE SCREENING <i>The Connected Universe</i> 3:30 – 5:40 pm		Popular Demand Screening 3:15 – 5:00 pm	
		<i>Teal: The Making of a Spiritual Teacher (Open Shadow)</i> Reel Healing 1:00 – 3:05 pm		Popular Demand Screening 6:00 – 7:30 pm	

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- C** **The Collective Sedona**  
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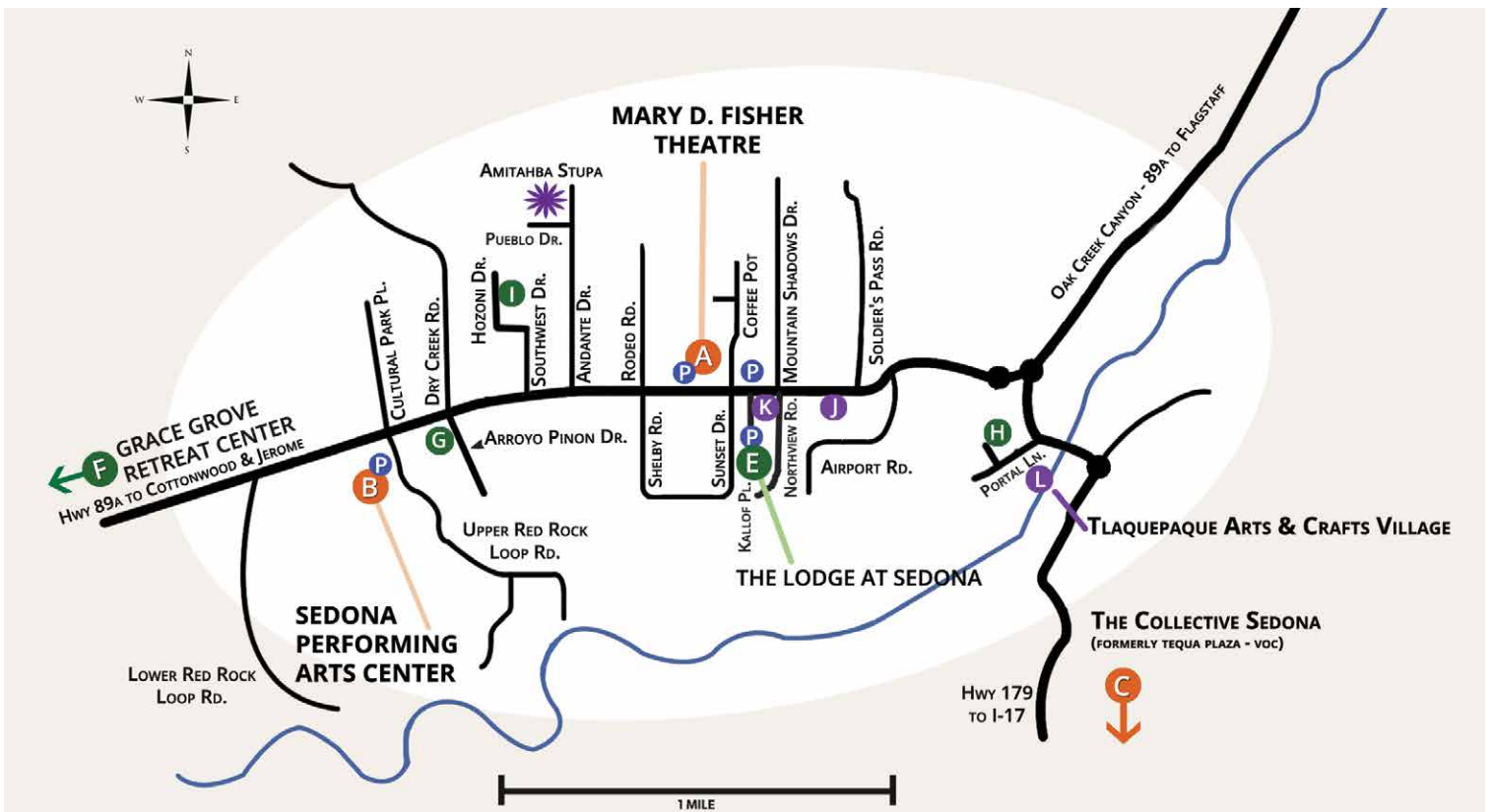
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# Conscious Film Convergence

The **Conscious Film Convergence** is the world's only film-industry gathering dedicated to establishing conscious cinema as a viable sector within the independent film business, forging ties between key stakeholders and expanding the conscious cinema movement into a global phenomenon.

The Convergence brings together like-minded film, media and brand professionals for dialogue, education, networking and visioning with the intention of elevating the world's collective mind, body, spirit and environmental consciousness through cinema.

## Panels and Conversations **Sedona Performing Arts Center—Main Theater**



CHAZ EBERT

### Keynote by Chaz Ebert

Chaz Ebert opens the Conscious Cinema Convergence, speaking on the role of transformational entertainment and its potential impact on humanity. Chaz, wife of the late esteemed film critic Roger Ebert, is the CEO of several Ebert enterprises, including RogerEbert.com, as well as the cofounder of Ebertfest, a film festival now in its 18th year. With a passion for conscious cinema, Chaz says she and her husband developed a form of mental telepathy while he was alive. Now, three years after his death, she continues to communicate with him on the other side. Chaz believes in stories that have the power to transform.

### Convergence Opener

Friday, June 3, 1:00 – 2:45 pm



NORMAN SEEFF  
Photographer/  
Filmmaker

### Spotlight Conversation Norman Seeff on Creativity—The Power of a Dream

As a photographer for the most prolific artists of our time—*Tina Turner, Johnny Cash, Jim Henson, Steve Jobs, Martin Scorsese* and *will.i.am*, to name a few—Norman Seeff knows something about the creative process. Through his innovative methodology, he has developed a body of content exploring the roots of creativity, innovation and optimal performance and has identified schematics describing the archetypes of the creative process that function across all creative disciplines. The fundamental tenet of his work is that all creation is sourced in the inner resources of consciousness and that everyone has access to the same innate resources.

## Behind the *Seen*—Investing in Transformational Entertainment

Friday, June 3, 3:00 – 4:00 pm

Join an in-depth dialogue on film finance moderated by Simon Kilmurry, executive director of International Documentary Association. Hear from three savvy individuals who are committed to bringing transformational entertainment to mainstream audiences through the art and science of financing conscious and cause-based cinema. Guests include GERALYN Dreyfous of Impact Partners/Gamechanger Films, producer Jane Charles of Greater Good Entertainment (*SOLD/StolenYouth.org*) and producer Ilan Arboleda of CreativeChaos (*Thank You for Your Service*).



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## Conscious Media and the Mainstream: Finding Your Audience

Saturday, June 4, 11:00 am – Noon

Media, industry outlets and tastemakers play an essential role in building buzz and excitement around new cinema titles as they seek to find their audiences, often defining their position in the marketplace. Join this discussion and learn how best to leverage the media and how conscious cinema can be branded, marketed and presented to build communities, engage audiences and maximize box office. Guests include Corinne Bourdeau, president, 360 Degree Communications; Bill Goodykoontz, film critic, *Arizona Republic* and Gannett News Service/*USA Today*; Maya Zuckerman, founder, Transmedia SF and columnist, *Huffington Post* and Mark DeNicola, writer and director, Collective Evolution.



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## Distribution Therapy

**Saturday, June 4, 1:15 – 2:15 pm**

Disabuse yourself from assumptions about what it is like to tie the knot with a distributor! Get a rare chance to observe a series of conversations between filmmakers and their distributors. Join facilitator Shaeri Richards as she helps distributor-filmmaker pairs share their feelings in an entertaining format that will provide abundant wisdom on setting expectations, how to keep the flame alive and when to call it quits with your distributor. Guests include Jeremy Frindel, director, *One Track Heart*; Nancy Gerstman, cofounder/president, Zeitgeist Films; Peter Rader, producer, *AWAKE: The Life of Yogananda*; Scott Glosserman, founder/CEO, Gathr; Richard Lorber, CEO, Kino Lorber; Pat Solomon, director, *Finding Joe* and Richard Cohn, president, Beyond Words.



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JEREMY FRINDEL



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## Act of Transformation: A Screenwriter's Workshop

**Saturday, June 4, 2:30 – 3:30 pm**

Emmy® Award-winning screenwriter Dev Ross conducts a workshop focused on the act of transforming your conscious concept into an engaging and authentic screenplay. Sharing the wisdom of Joseph Campbell's "The Hero's Journey," Dev will guide us to a better understanding of the problems inherent in setting out to write a "conscious" screenplay. Then, using the lessons learned, we'll help Dev to draft a foolproof, three-act story outline based on audience-contributed ideas.



DEV ROSS

## Going Deep: Diving into Virtual Reality Content

**Saturday, June 4, 4:30 – 5:30 pm**

See for yourself how Virtual Reality (VR) is poised to revolutionize the way we experience cinema! Meet three VR pioneers for an overview and demonstration of the technology used to create *The Click Effect*, a VR film shot almost entirely underwater. Then swim out to the lobby, put on your Gear VR headset and prepare to dive 100 feet below the ocean's surface to witness the "click" communication and visual language of dolphins. Take a deep breath! Guests include Sandy Smolan, director, *The Click Effect*; Dan Oberle, editor, *The Click Effect* and Kate Wurzbacher, director of VR photography.



SANDY SMOLAN



DAN OBERLE



KATE WURZBACHER

## Conscious Cinema Accelerator

**Friday, June 3, 4:30 – 6:15 pm** • By Invitation

Sedona Performing Arts Center—Main Theater

Filmmakers earn the chance to receive personalized project development consultations with the brightest minds of conscious cinema. In a blazing round of five, 20-minute speed meetings, our selected participants sit with film industry veterans in the areas of conscious screenwriting, production, finance, marketing and distribution. This year's participants have already been chosen. To apply for next year, visit the Conscious Cinema Accelerator at [filmfreeway.com/festival/IlluminateFilmFestival](http://filmfreeway.com/festival/IlluminateFilmFestival).

## Conscious Cinema Summit

**Sunday, June 5, 10:00 am – Noon** • By Invitation

Sedona Performing Arts Center—Performing Arts Classroom

Conscious film industry visionaries and media change-makers come together to discuss how conscious cinema can become a viable business sector within the independent film business. Invited guests gather to define "conscious" cinema, imagine new business models and brainstorm new strategies for collaboration to increase the quality, quantity and availability of conscious cinema around the globe.

# Contemporary Conscious Cinema



## **PURSUING HAPPINESS** SEDONA PREMIERE

Director: Adam Shell • Documentary Feature  
USA • 2016 • 83 minutes

**Friday, June 3, 1:00 – 3:20 pm**

Sedona Performing Arts Center—Black Box Theater

America consistently ranks low on the United Nation's World Happiness Report. In *Pursuing Happiness*, two filmmakers set out to discover what can be done by asking their Kickstarter supporters, "Who is the happiest person you know?" Based on those referrals, they traveled the country showing up at complete strangers' homes with their cameras rolling. They also gathered the academic and spiritual wisdom from experts in psychology, neuroscience, philosophy and business, juxtaposing the head and heart connection to create many aha moments. This film will put a skip in your step on your way home!

**A Q&A with director Adam Shell follows.**



## **A NEW HIGH** SEDONA PREMIERE

Directors: Samuel Miron, Stephen Scott Scarpulla • Documentary Feature  
USA • 2016 • 100 minutes

**Sunday, June 5, 10:30 am – 12:15 pm**

Sedona Performing Arts Center—Black Box Theater

In the heart of downtown Seattle lies the Union Gospel Mission—a homeless shelter catering to the addicted and the abused. For these men and women, hope is a novelty. Self-esteem is a luxury. Recovery is a faraway ideal. But within the UGM is one man, an ex-Army Ranger, who believes in them, who believes in life and who believes in mountains. Mountains? Yes, watch as he attempts to use one of the most treacherous peaks in North America, 14,400-foot Mt. Rainier, to give these recovering addicts hope again. Will their personal mountains be overcome?



## **REEL HEALING** **Who Is the Happiest Person You Know?**

The world is our mirror. What we see and admire in others also lives in us. Through an interactive process led by positive psychology expert Lilla Cabot, MA, we will explore the concept of happiness and how to infuse our lives with more of those qualities.



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# Contemporary Conscious Cinema



## ICAROS: A VISION SOUTHWEST PREMIERE

Directors: Leonor Caraballo, Matteo Norzi • Narrative Feature  
Peru • 2016 • 90 minutes

**Saturday, June 4, 1:15 – 3:20 pm**  
Mary D. Fisher Theatre

Her medical options exhausted, Angelina travels from North America to the Amazon in search of a miracle. Set in an Ayahuasca retreat center in Peru and featuring real-life indigenous shamans, *Icaros: A Vision*, is a story about fear and the release from fear. As Angelina confronts her illness and possible death, she must also confront her fear of life and living. Underpinning all is the view that the tremendous healing power of plants is the best way to ensure the jeopardized future of the Amazon. Will Angelina find her courage and power amid the untamed heart of the Amazon? Find out in "A film shaped like a shamanic journey steeped in a psychoactive brew exploring fear and destiny in the jungle of the mind."



## Preceded by: Sister Jaguar's Journey

SEDONA PREMIERE  
Director: Sande Zeig • Short  
USA • 2015 • 20 minutes

Sister Judy Bisignano, a fierce educator and rebel, confronts the disastrous effects of her lifelong anger and finds God, healing and forgiveness in the Amazon.

**A Q&A with director Sande Zeig, executive producer Sandra Morse and Sister Judy Bisignano follows.**



## THE C WORD SOUTHWEST PREMIERE

Director: Meghan L. O'Hara • Documentary Feature  
USA • 2015 • 89 minutes

**Thursday, June 2, Noon – 1:35 pm**  
Mary D. Fisher Theatre

**Friday, June 3, 10:45 am – 12:20 pm**  
Sedona Performing Arts Center—Black Box Theater

Would it surprise you to find that up to 70 percent of deaths from cancer are preventable? This begs the question, what are we waiting for? Directed by cancer survivor Meghan O'Hara (producer of *Fahrenheit 9/11*, *Bowling for Columbine* and *Sicko*) and narrated by Morgan Freeman, *The C Word* follows a wild ride of discovery, including hidden science and the absurdity of the status quo. Injected with a good dose of humor and featuring a vibrant cast of characters, this film changes the game through holistic health. The message is simple, life-changing and radical: We can beat cancer before cancer beats us.

# Contemporary Conscious Cinema



## ORANGE SUNSHINE SEDONA PREMIERE

Director: William A. Kirkley • Documentary Feature  
USA • 2016 • 93 minutes

**Friday, June 3, 4:15 – 6:30 pm**  
Mary D. Fisher Theatre

If you're going to break the law, you'll need a little help from your friends. During the early 1960s, a group of family, friends and surfers formed a church centered around psychedelics called the Brotherhood of Eternal Love. Part cat-and-mouse and part exploration of the groundwork that eventually became the War on Drugs, *Orange Sunshine* whisks viewers on an intriguing, Timothy Leary-esque tale of altered consciousness. The Brotherhood travels through Europe, Afghanistan and South America, evading capture and risking their family, freedom and lives—all in the name of enlightenment.



## HOME CARE ARIZONA PREMIERE

Director: Slávek Horák • Narrative Feature  
Czech Republic, Slovak Republic • 2015 • 92 minutes

**Thursday, June 2, 2:15 – 4:35 pm**  
Mary D. Fisher Theatre

**Saturday, June 4, 3:45 – 6:05 pm**  
Sedona Performing Arts Center—Black Box Theater

The official Oscar® entry for Czech Republic, *Home Care* follows dedicated nurse, Vlasta, as she attends to her capricious home-care patients in the Czech wine country. Vlasta lives for her husband and daughter, often intruding in their lives (much to their chagrin). Then one day Vlasta's life changes completely. She must step outside her comfort zone and venture into spirituality and energy medicine, where she just might stumble onto salvation. Drama and gentle humor intertwine, as Vlasta realizes for the first time in her life that she needs care, too.

## PANEL DISCUSSION A Discussion on Ethics and Psychedelics

How far should one go in the name of enlightenment? Are psychedelics a justifiable means to expand human consciousness? Join us after the film for a lively debate on this controversial topic with individuals taking a stance from all perspectives, including William A. Kirkley, director of *Orange Sunshine*; Dion Wright, member of Brotherhood of Eternal Love; Wendy Edwards, attorney at law, Aspey Watkins & Diesel PLLC and Rob Adams, former mayor of Sedona and cofounder of Greater Sedona Substance Abuse Committee.



## REEL HEALING Bring Peace to Your Process through Reiki



Explore the wonders of the transformational energy healing modality known as Reiki with Reiki master and co-owner of Peace Place Gifts, Arthur Baird. Acquire knowledge on how to use this powerful technique to bring balance and harmony to your life. Arthur completed his Usui Reiki Master training in 2006, and now teaches Holy Fire 2 Karuna Reiki®, Usui Reiki, Reiki drumming and ReikiSonic®.



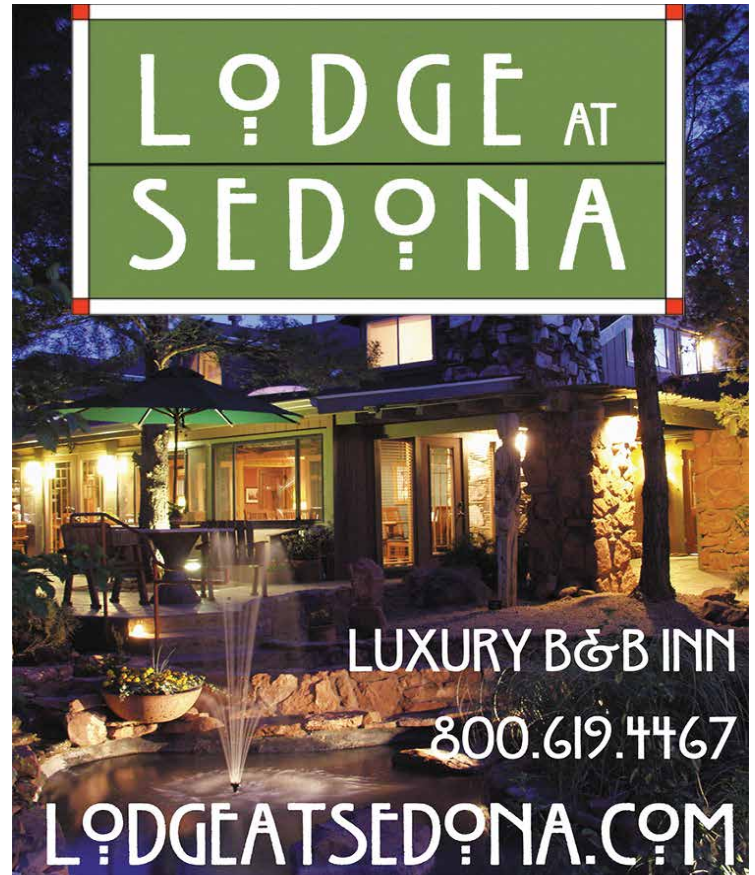
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# Works in Progress



## TEAL: THE MAKING OF A SPIRITUAL TEACHER

WORK IN PROGRESS Version of OPEN SHADOW

Director: Paola Marino • Documentary Feature

Canada/USA • 2016 • 47 minutes

**Friday, June 3, 1:00 – 3:05 pm**  
**Sunday, June 5, 6:15 – 8:20 pm**  
Mary D. Fisher Theatre

The story of Teal Swan captures the heart and soul of any spiritual journey. Referred to as “The Spiritual Catalyst” and dubbed the next Wayne Dyer, Teal’s extrasensory gifts and connection to the spiritual realm are a light in the perpetual darkness of the modern age. Follow her from an abusive cult and its destructive mentality through to her transformation to bold leader. Teal helps people move toward peace, despite their difficulties. Her challenging journey offers an undeniable truth to everyone that hears it: No matter what, we CAN find our bliss.

**A Q&A with director Paola Marino, spiritual teacher Teal Swan and cast member Blake Dyer follows.**



## THE CONNECTED UNIVERSE

PRIVATE SCREENING/WORK IN PROGRESS

Director: Malcom Carter • Documentary Feature

USA • 2016 • 98 mins

**Sunday, June 5, 3:30 – 5:40 pm**  
Mary D. Fisher Theatre

*The Connected Universe*, featuring Nassim Hamein, returns after its sold-out sneak peek at ILLUMINATE 2015. This film takes us on a delightful visual journey of the science behind the interconnectedness of all things. Do you know that you really are connected to all seven-plus billion people in the world? Connected, that is, down to the atom and the quark? Here is where science meets consciousness and takes a quantum leap into the future by unifying their opposing viewpoints. This is our next step in our understanding of consciousness as we evolve.

**A Q&A with director Malcom Carter follows.**

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## REEL HEALING

Healing with Teal Swan,  
The Spiritual Catalyst

Due to the abuse that occurred in Teal Swan’s life behind closed doors, authenticity has become integral to her and the social movement that she leads. After experiencing a glimpse of *Teal: The Making of a Spiritual Teacher*, explore your own relationship with authenticity through an experiential exercise with Teal that will enable you to overcome your greatest limitation.



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**TREESTORY** FESTIVAL WORLD PREMIERE

Director: Ward Serrill • Episodic Documentary Series  
USA • 2016 • 50 minutes

**Sunday, June 5, 10:15 am – 12:20 pm**  
Mary D. Fisher Theatre

Welcome to *TreeStory*, a series of short documentary films that explores the relationship between humans and trees from every conceivable angle: the scientific, the mythical, the practical, the cultural and the spiritual. Powered by insightful, personal stories, and inspired by our oldest companions on Earth, *TreeStory* will change the way you see trees—and yourself—for good. Everyone has a tree story. Come watch yours.

**A Q&A with director Ward Serrill follows.**

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**Preceded by: Catching Fire** WORLD PREMIERE  
Director: Ward Serrill • Documentary Short  
USA • 2016 • 28 minutes

Across the globe, people light more than three billion cooking fires each day, contributing to four million deaths a year. *Catching Fire* follows the improbable journey of passionate inventor Peter

Scott and his eccentric “stove army” as they design and mass produce the world’s most revolutionary cook stove. It is the story of one man’s idea against great odds. If successful, he’ll rescue 126 million trees and reclaim over 40 percent of the annual cost of cooking fuel for each family, not to mention helping save lives and the environment for the people of Africa.



**REEL HEALING**  
**Tree of Life Journey**

The tree stands as the bridge between the seen and the unseen world. Following the world premiere of *TreeStory*, celebrate with a tree of life ceremony, a guided shamanic journey with Ward Serrill to discover your own personal wisdom tree.

We will collectively share prayers for the trees and connect our intentions to help humankind’s oldest companions on Earth.



**THE HIGHEST PASS** CINEMA REVISITED

Director: Jon Fitzgerald • Documentary Feature  
India/USA • 2011 • 90 minutes

**Saturday, June 4, 1:15 – 3:10 pm**  
Sedona Performing Arts Center—Black Box Theater

Wisdom in words and wisdom in practice can be very different, especially when riding along the sheer, icy edges of the Himalayas. Seven motorcycle riders share the journey of a lifetime along some of the most dangerous roads in the world, guided by a modern yogi and guru. Their quest will lead them to incredibly isolated mountain lakes, ancient monasteries, the knowing eyes of a mystic oracle and ultimately deeper into themselves. This film is both haunting and inspiring, offering adventure, beauty and fear on the highest motorable road on Earth.

**A Q&A with writer/producer Adam Schomer follows.**

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Top selections and film favorites from the past

# Shorts Program

## BEST OF CONSCIOUS SHORTS

Friday, June 3, 10:15 – 11:50 am  
Mary D. Fisher Theatre



**TODAY I ACKNOWLEDGE** ARIZONA PREMIERE  
Director: Jessica Hahner • Short  
Germany • 2015 • 6 minutes

Strangers on the street are asked to pause from their busy lives to acknowledge each other with sincerity...watch what happens next.

**A Q&A with director Jessica Hahner follows.**



**FORGOTTEN RITUAL** US PREMIERE  
Director: Mirjam Hlastan • Short  
Germany • 2015 • 11 minutes

Mirjam Hlastan explores our relationship with technology and modern society's incessant need to be "plugged in." Have we lost the most important connection to others and ourselves by plugging in and checking out?



**THE HOLISTIC LIFE FOUNDATION: BREATHING LOVE INTO A COMMUNITY** SOUTHWEST PREMIERE  
Director: Chris Farina • Short  
USA • 2015 • 22 minutes

Resolved by their own survival, three guys return to their childhood neighborhood in Baltimore to revitalize the community and to foster hope in the youth through yoga, mindfulness techniques and so much more....

**A Q&A with director Chris Farina follows.**



**THE AVADHUT** WORLD PREMIERE  
Directors: Fenulla Jiwani, Jonathan Dubsky, Zottomerk, Nataraj • Short  
Canada/Portugal/France • 2016 • 18 minutes

After three years of relentless mourning, a mother happens upon a stranger's memorial on a winter walk. The message transforms her grief and liberates her heart.

**A Q&A with director Fenulla Jiwani follows.**

## SHORT FILMS

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## The Conscious Marketplace

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