

Welcome!

Dear Friends,

Thank you for joining us at the 2018 Sacramento Asian Pacific Film Festival, presented by the Sacramento Asian Pacific Cultural Village.

The 2018 theme of BEYOND RESISTANCE builds upon last year's exploration of the Asian and Pacific Islander American, immigrant, and refugee experience in America, and common struggles for justice and equality. This year, we aim to inspire further education about ourselves and the world around us, and to provide some tools to help us all stay engaged in our communities.

On Saturday, May 26 and Sunday, May 27, hosts Stephen Chun, Mai Vang, and Frances Wang will bring you more than two dozen films across four different showtimes, virtual talkbacks with filmmakers, and a panel discussion with local Sacramento API community activists.

This festival would not exist without the dedication and energy of numerous volunteers, local businesses, partners, donors and supporters like you. We'd also like to thank the California Museum for making the change in venues a pleasure. We're very happy to present our 4th full festival at a venue that plays such an important part in promoting California's culture and history.

We hope our selection of films interests, entertains, educates, and inspires you. It's not enough to resist. It's time to go BEYOND RESISTANCE.

Sincerely,

Jason Jong, Jonathan Mendick, and Doua Yang

PRODUCERS CIRCLE

Producers: Jason Jong, Jonathan Mendick,
Doua Yang

Associate Producers: Phillip Ginn, Brandon
Louie, Jeff Louie, Bee Vang, Taylor Vang

Members: Monica Chan, Tiffany Chan, Leslie
Dam, Alexis Phan, Bao Xiong, Steven Zhang

Technical Director/Web/Sales: Jeff Louie

Director of Visual Communications: Phillip Ginn

Marketing Coordinator: Jonathan Mendick

Production Manager: Doua Yang

Outreach Coordinator: Brandon Louie

Advisors: Aaron Leong, Kenji Taguma

ADDITIONAL FESTIVAL SUPPORT STAFF

Chris Chu, Todd Christensen, Susie Willemsz-
Geeroms Michael Jong, Priscilla Jong, Tom
Kato, Wanda Kato, Sou Leiz, Samedi Mendick,
Bobby Dalton Roy, Alex Sanchez, Lucille Wong

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Our Hosts



Stephen Chun serves as a Traffic Producer on iHeart Radio and a reporter for KFBK Sacramento, Bloomberg San Francisco, KQED (PBS Bay Area), and KBSW Action News 8 Central Coast.

Off air, Stephen is a personal trainer and serves on the alumni board for George Washington High School, mentoring young people to become future broadcasters. As an active member of the API community, Stephen serves as Event Director for the Asians on Film Festival (SAPFF's sister festival), mentors for the Asian American Journalists Association, and hosts for community events across California, including the San Francisco Chinese New Year Parade, Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival, and J-Pop Summit Festival.



Mai Vang is the eldest of 16 children and a proud Sacramento native and resident. She currently works as the Community Affairs Director for Sacramento City Councilmember Larry Carr and is also an adjunct faculty in the Department of Ethnic Studies at Sacramento State University.

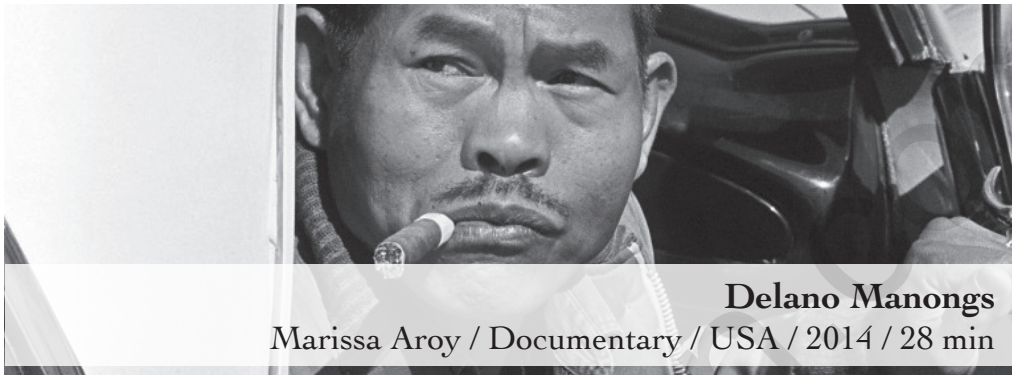
Mai holds Master's degrees in Public Health Policy and Asian American Studies from UCLA. In November of 2016, she was elected to the Sacramento City School Board. She also co-founded Hmong Innovating Politics, whose mission is to strengthen the power of disenfranchised communities through innovative civic engagement and strategic grassroots mobilization.



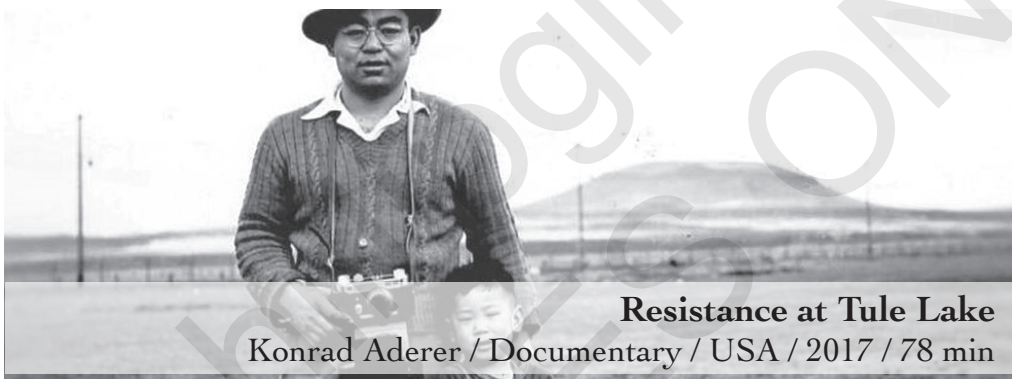
Frances Wang joined KTXL (ABC10, Sacramento) in October 2015. She was born in San Francisco but grew up in Sacramento, which she considers home. She dreamed of being a journalist since childhood after being interviewed by Walt Gray. She was always the most talkative of her peers, so her former teachers and classmates aren't surprised she became a reporter.

After graduating from St. Francis High School, she went on to USC. She graduated Magna Cum Laude with Phi Beta Kappa honors and earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. Before joining ABC 10, Frances worked at KREM2 in Spokane, Washington. She has also interned at KABC-TV (Los Angeles), CNN and E! News.

Special Presentations (in order of appearance)



Farm labor organizer Larry Itliong and a group of Filipino farm workers instigate one of the American farm labor movement's finest hours.

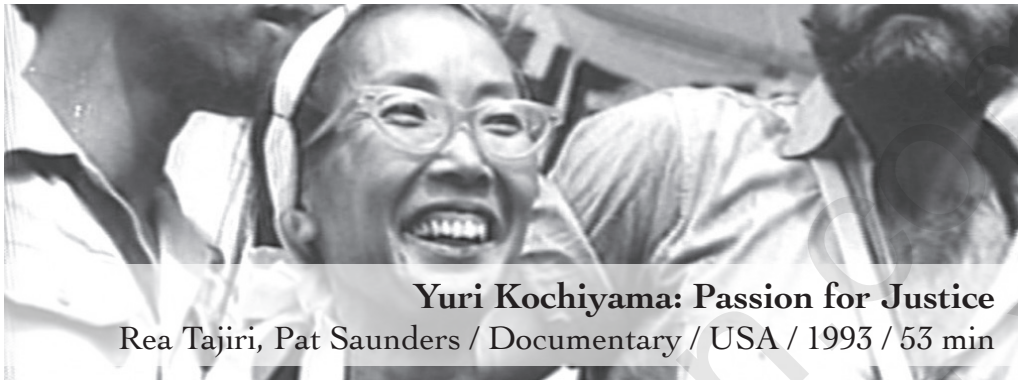


Incarcerated Japanese Americans defy the government by refusing to swear unconditional loyalty to the US.



Jimmy Mirikitani survived internment camps, Hiroshima, and homelessness by creating art. He and Linda Hattendorf explore his painful past together.

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Yuri Kochiyama: Passion for Justice

Rea Tajiri, Pat Saunders / Documentary / USA / 1993 / 53 min

A look at the vitality and compassion of Yuri Kochiyama as a Harlem-based activist, wife, mother of six children, educator and humanitarian.



Gook

Justin Chon / Narrative / USA / 2017 / 95 min

A drama about two Korean American brothers, their friendship with an 11-year-old African American girl, racial tensions, and the LA Riots.

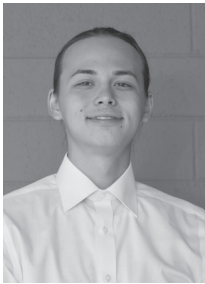
Panelists



Moderator: Mandy Lee

President and Managing Director, Platinum Advisors

Mandy has served in several capacities in both houses of the California Legislature. In 2016, she was recognized as one of the top Asian American Pacific Islander political operatives by the National Association of Asian Pacifics in Politics and Public Affairs. She is currently President of the Board for Equality California and the Chair of the California Leadership Fund. Mandy holds a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from CSU Hayward, emphasis in pre-law studies.



Dexter Niskala

Program Assistant, EBAYC

Dexter is a 19-year-old student at CSU Sacramento majoring in Kinesiology. Since 2016, he has worked for East Bay Asian Youth Center (EBAYC Sacramento) as a program assistant, canvassing and speaking at city council meetings about youth advocacy and funding. He swore in Mai Yang Vang (SCUSD Board of Education Area 5) and worked alongside her on Measure G. Dexter is currently working on the Sacramento Children's Fund within the Sacramento Kids First Coalition (SKFC). His passion is working to fight for programs and services for youths.



Robyn Magalit Rodriguez, PhD

Professor, University of California, Davis

Author of *In Lady Liberty's Shadow: Race & Immigration in New Jersey*, Dr. Rodriguez earned her PhD in Sociology from UC Berkeley. She serves on the faculty of Asian American Studies at UC Davis. An international labor migration and immigration expert, she has lectured on her work on college campuses across the US and around the world. She became an immigrant rights activist while at UC Santa Barbara in the early 1990s, joining the opposition to Prop 187, the law that would have denied undocumented immigrants a broad array of state services.

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Bobby Dalton Guleng Roy

Investment Advisor Representative, Primerica Advisors

In an effort to greatly improve the lives of others, Bobby is very active in the Sacramento community. He is: the national secretary of the Filipino American National Historical Society; commissioner of the Sacramento County Children's Coalition; liaison to the Steering Committee on the Reduction of African American Child Deaths; member of the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission's Race and Cultural Equity Task Force; treasurer of Iu Mien Community Services; board member of the Philippine National Day Association.



Cha Vang

Executive Director, Hmong Innovating Politics

Cha is the co-founder and Executive Director of Hmong Innovating Politics, whose mission is to strengthen the power of disenfranchised communities through innovative civic engagement and strategic grassroots mobilization. Before HIP, she worked as a community organizer to improve outcomes for children and families in the Sacramento region. Cha holds a Bachelor's in Sociology from CSU, Sacramento. She was born in the refugee camps of Thailand and raised in South Sacramento.



Nkauj Iab Yang

Director of California Policy and Program, SEARAC

Nkauj Iab oversees SEARAC's California health, education, immigration, and racial equity efforts, working with various coalitions to identify and advocate policies supporting Southeast Asian American communities. She spent the last 11 years committed to youth organizing and development in Sacramento and Oakland. Prior to SEARAC, she was Program Manager at Banteay Srei, managing services for sexually exploited Southeast Asian American young women, and helping to expand and report disaggregated API data at the Oakland Unified School District.