Film on iconic war image opens festival

11 days of movies from around the world starts tonight

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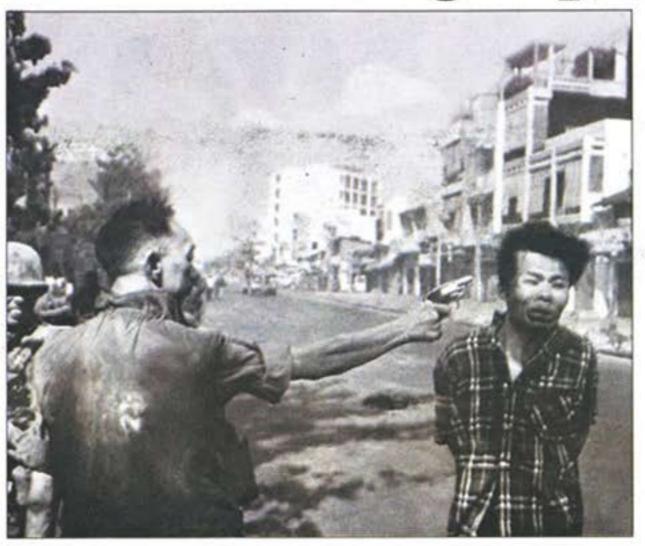
The 18th annual United Nations Association's International Documentary Film Festival opens tonight at the Aquarius Theater in Palo Alto, with an examination of an iconic image from the Vietnam war.

In 1968, photojournalist Eddie Adams took a photo of the execution of a Vietcong prisoner on a Saigon street.

"The photo epitomized the horror of wartime brutality and was circulated all over the world, spurring global opposition to the war," according to UNAFF's website.

The 18-minute film directed by Douglas Sloan explores the untold story behind the image in "Eddie Adams: Saigon '68."

Tonight will also feature "XBoundary," a seven-minute film directed by Ryan Peterson about a mining boom in northern British Columbia and Alaska; "Unfair Game: The Politics of Poaching," a 37-minute film set in Swaziland and Zambia and directed by John Antonelli; and "Driving with Selvi," a 74-minute film directed by Elisa Paloschi the follows Selvi, a young wom-



SAIGON '68 — This horrible image of the execution of a Vietcong prisoner will be the focus of one of the films that will be presented tonight during the United Nations Association's International Documentary Film Festival.

an in India who escapes a violent and abusive marriage, and becomes South India's first woman taxi driver.

Palo Alto Mayor Karen Holman will open the festival at 6:30 p.m. at the Aquarius Theatre at 430 Emerson St. in Palo Alto. The 11-day festival will present 60 documentaries from around the world. The festival has screenings scheduled in Palo Alto, East Palo Alto, Stanford and San Francisco.

For more information, go to http:// www.unaff.org/2015/schedule.html.

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

Today

Aquarius Theater, 430 Emerson St., Palo Alto.

6:30 p.m. – Opening words by Palo Alto Mayor Karen Holman 6:45 p.m. — "XBoundary" (U.S., 7 minutes)

7 p.m. — "Eddie Adams: Saigon '68" (U.S./Vietnam, 18 minutes)

7:30 p.m. — "Unfair Game: The Politics of Poaching" (Swaziland/ U.S./Zambia, 37 minutes)

8:20 p.m. — "Driving with Selvi" (Canada/India, 74 minutes)

Tomorrow

Palo Alto, Cubberley Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto

4 p.m. — "Pirates and Slaves" (Thailand/U.K., 9 minutes)

4:15 p.m. — "Far From Home" (Argentina/Canada/Italy/Uganda/ U.S., 75 minutes)

5:40 p.m. — "Freeway: Crack in the System" (U.S., 103 minutes)

7:40 p.m. — "(Dis)honesty — The Truth About Lies" (U.S., 90 minutes)

9:40 p.m. — "Let the Fire Burn" (U.S., 95 minutes)