



# CASCADIA INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S FILM FESTIVAL

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## **CASCADIA Announces Director Freida Lee Mock As Honored Guest** *5-time Oscar nominated director will show film "Anita: Speak Truth To Power"*

**BELLINGHAM, WA, March 1, 2019**—Film fans will have a chance to rub shoulders with award-winning filmmakers from all over the world including **Academy Award-winning director Freida Lee Mock** at this year's CASCADIA International Women's' Film Festival April 11-14.

Mock will be this year's Honored Guest. She is being recognized for her career, her contributions to the film industry and her dedication to promoting women in film on **Friday, April 12** and will be celebrated with a reception, "conversation" and a film at the historic Mount Baker Theatre in Bellingham. Mock is best known for her films "*Anita*," "*Maya Lin: A Strong, Clear Vision*", for which she won the Oscar and "*Rose Kennedy, A Life to Remember*" Her forthcoming film is "*RUTH: Justice Bader Ginsburg In Her Own Words*".

Mock is a Governor of the Documentary Branch of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Science and is the Chair of its Documentary Executive Committee and played a significant role in retaining the documentary film category in the Academy Awards.

The event will be catered by Krewe Catering and moderated by Tom White, editor of *Documentary* magazine, the print and online publication of the IDA. He also oversees the editorial content on *documentary.org* and has written for several other publications, including *The Hollywood Reporter*, *Variety*, *Cinemontage*, *IndieWire*, *The Independent Film & Video Monthly* and *Release Print*.

The event is scheduled for Friday, April 12 at the Mount Baker Theatre in Bellingham's downtown Arts District. Tickets for the evening with Mock will be sold through the Mount Baker Theater.

CASCADIA will also show Mock's documentary G-DOG, which follows a Jesuit Priest as he works with former gang members to reconstruct their lives through his non-profit organization, Homeboy Industries. G-DOG will play on Sunday, April 14 at 1 p.m. and will include a Q&A with the director after the film.

Now in its third year, **CASCADIA** is announcing its official selection of 37 films for its 2019 festival. The event is scheduled Thursday through Sunday, **April 11-14, 2019**, at the Pickford Film Center in Bellingham.

The festival is currently one of only a handful in the nation that exclusively shows films directed by women, says **CASCADIA** Executive Director Cheryl Crooks. And the limited number of films the festival invites and accepts through its submission process makes it a competitive festival for filmmakers.

“**CASCADIA**’s mission is to showcase and celebrate exceptional films by women directors and make Bellingham a destination for both lovers of film and filmmakers from around the world,” she says.

A complete list of CASCADIA’s 2019 official selections including updates appears on the [CASCADIA website](#). The complete festival schedule and ticketing information will be available on the website, as well as on the CASCADIA’s [Facebook Page](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

Film tickets will be sold individually through the [Pickford Film Center](#).

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**CASCADIA International Women’s Film Festival**, a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting and showcasing the work of women filmmakers, was formed in Bellingham, Washington, in 2015. CASCADIA will host its second annual independent film festival in Bellingham April 12-15, 2018. The organization also works year-round to provide film production, exhibition and distribution education. More information about CASCADIA may be found on their website at [www.cascadiafilmfest.org](http://www.cascadiafilmfest.org).