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The 5th Annual Nevada Women's Film Festival returns to Las Vegas March 21st-24th

Las Vegas, NV, February 22, 2019 – The Nevada Women's Film Festival (NWFFest) will be held this March at the luxury Eclipse Theaters downtown, 814 S. Third St.

The four-day event, which takes place annually in honor of Women's History Month, has grown into an international festival that champions diversity and women in film while highlighting the vibrant creative community of Nevada.

We are proud to announce this year's **Vanguard Award** for pioneering achievement goes to **Jordana Spiro** and **Angelica Nwandu** for their critically acclaimed feature, *Night Comes On*. Spiro (featured cast member on *Ozark*) received the Sundance Innovator Award for this outstanding directorial debut.

Kenneth Turan in the *L.A. Times* notes: "Like its determined heroine, *Night Comes On* burns with a smoldering fire, a heat that is no less intense, no less effective, for remaining largely beneath the surface." A screening of the film on Saturday will be followed by a conversation and Q&A session with the filmmakers. **Danette Tull**, of the Nevada Film Office, to host.

We are also pleased to announce our 2019 **Nevada Woman of Achievement**, the multi-talented international star, **Susan Anton**. *Morning Blend's* **JJ Snyder** will sit down with Susan on Thursday evening for an intriguing conversation about her incredible career spanning hundreds of productions. Reception to follow sponsored by **UNLV's Boyd School of Law**.

On Saturday we present our panel event: **Sages of a New Age: How Social Media and Film Intersect**. In this new age of technology, film is ever evolving. Social media plays a role in filmmaking in a way we have never seen before. A team of experts will join our esteemed moderator, **Dr. Heather Addison, Chair of UNLV's Department of Film**, to discuss the phenomenon.

A unique selection of **45 films** of all genres from around the globe will be screened throughout the festival. Local talent, including **UNLV** and **NSC** students, will be highlighted. Our **Filmmakers' Welcome Reception** Friday evening will introduce our visitors to our creative local community.

NWFFest concludes Sunday night with the **5th Annual Femmy Awards**, a ceremony honoring our most outstanding filmmakers. Awards will include the *Spirit of Activism*, *Best Female Protagonist*, *Best Animation*, *Best Nevada Filmmaker*, *LBGTQ-themed*, as well as student, fiction and documentary awards.

For festival program schedule and ticket information please visit nwffest.com
Get the latest information and updates from our festival on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

ABOUT NEVADA WOMEN'S FILM FESTIVAL: The Nevada Film Festival (NWFFest) is a project of the **Nevada Women's Film Collective**, a nonprofit 501(c)(3). The mission of NWFFest is to celebrate and support the fair representation of women in film. The NWFFest is made possible by a grant from **Nevada Humanities** and the **National Endowment for the Humanities**, and a grant from the **Nevada Arts Council**, a state agency, which receives support from the **National Endowment for the Arts**, a federal agency.

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