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The 8th Annual Nevada Women's Film Festival Returns to Las Vegas: June 23 - 26, 2022

The Nevada Women's Film Festival returns in-person for the first time in two years. Festivities kick off on **Thursday** evening at beautiful **MEET Las Vegas** downtown. The diverse international lineup includes **63 films from 13 countries**, representing a wide variety of genres and filmmakers, ranging from seasoned professionals to students and local talent.

Special events begin **Friday** with our **2022 Nevada Woman Filmmaker of the Year** event. This year we are pleased to honor **Deborah Richards** for her body of work, including her first feature, ***Move Me No Mountain***. A sneak-peek of the film will be followed by an in-depth interview hosted by our board member **Danette Tull** of the Nevada Film Office. A red-carpet meet-and-greet and **Filmmaker Mixer** will top off the evening.

On **Saturday** we celebrate our **2022 Vanguard Award** Honoree, **Ry Russo-Young**. Part 1 of Ry's **HBO** documentary series, ***Nuclear Family***, will be screened at 11AM. This series explores the landmark custody dispute that hinged on the parental rights of Ry's two mothers (a same-sex couple) and the interests of her biological father.

Following the screening our attendees will have the opportunity to meet the featured subjects of ***Nuclear Family***, including the filmmaker herself, **Ry Russo-Young**, Ry's mothers, **Robin Young** and **Sandy Russo**, and their lawyer, **Harriet Newman Cohen, Esq.** A **panel discussion** about the events depicted in the film will be moderated by board member, **Brett Caroline Levner** of the UNLV Department of Film.

Festivities conclude on **Sunday** evening with our 8th Annual **Femmy Awards**. Femmy Award nominations will be announced on our website this week. Categories such as the *Spirit of Activism*, *Best Female Protagonist*, *Best Nevada Filmmaker*, *LBGTQ-themed*, as well as student, animation and documentary achievement will be recognized.

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. NWFFest is made possible by a grant from **Nevada Humanities** and the **National Endowment for the Humanities**.

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