

# NWFFest

NEVADA WOMEN'S FILM FESTIVAL

**OUR MISSION** is to celebrate and support the fair representation of women in film. With our quality programming, panels and events, we have been at the forefront of the conversation of equity and inclusion since our inception. We program films by or about women, shed light on their unique stories, and provide a platform for historically marginalized voices.

**NWFFest** began in 2014 as a student club event at a local college. Our first festival took place in honor of Women's History Month in March of 2015. Over the past decade we have grown with our beloved Nevada and beyond to become a premier event for women filmmakers and their allies everywhere to showcase their work and build community.



Photo by Richard Faverty



Warrior Spirit by Landon Dyksterhouse

**NWFFest** takes place over 4-5 days at the [Department of Film at UNLV](#). We screen **100+ films** of all genres from all over the world. While we do program films that are not directed by women, we look for representation in the form of collaboration and compelling, complex female characters or subjects.

Our signature **Vanguard Award** honors a standout filmmaker or performer at any stage in her career, from anywhere, who has pioneered the way for others due to exceptional work, advocacy for other women, or both. Past honorees include Abigail Breslin, Michelle Danner, Ry Russo-Young, Laure de Clermont-Tonnerre, Jordana Spiro, Angelica Nwandu, Ana Lily Amirpour and 1970s icon Stephanie Rothman.



Miranda's Victim by Michelle Danner



En Avant by Sarah Jean Williams

Other annual traditions and events include topical panels and speakers, our **Nevada Woman Filmmaker of the Year** (or **Nevada Woman of Achievement**) event, our **Femmy Awards** (including the **Best Female Protagonist** and the **Spirit of Activism** awards), as well as our **Filmmakers' Reception & Mixer**.

**TO FIND OUT MORE** about what we do and why it is important, please visit [our website at NWFFest.com](#) for past festivals, view [our sponsorship deck](#), and follow our social media accounts.

The [Nevada Women's Film Festival](#) (NWFFest) is a project of [Women in Film](#) (WIF) Nevada, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. WIF Nevada is a proud chapter of Women in Film & Television International (WIFTI).