NORTH DAKOTA HUMAN RIGHTS FILM & ARTS FESTIVAL

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HUMAN RIGHTS FESTIVAL PROVIDES SCHOLARSHIPS TO 37 FILMMAKERS FROM 15 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES

FARGO, N.D. (October 9, 2017) – The North Dakota Human Rights Film Festival has provided submission scholarships to human rights and social justice filmmakers from 15 different countries. "We're proud to offer submission scholarships to filmmakers and artist experiencing financial hardships," said Festival Chair Sean Coffman. "The festival is a forum for ideas and topics, and we firmly believe that finances shouldn't hinder potential conversations from taking place."

The North Dakota Human Rights Film and Arts Festival accepted submission scholarships between March 1, 2017 and September 25, 2017. 37 filmmakers from 15 different countries applied for and received submission scholarships. The countries represented by filmmakers include Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, Great Britain, India, Iran, Philippines, Myanmar, Nepal, Netherlands, Syria, Timor-Leste and Uganda. In total, $1,300 in scholarships were awarded.

The North Dakota Human Rights Film and Arts Festival will take place Nov. 13-18, 2017, in Fargo, North Dakota. The art exhibition will open on Monday, Nov. 13, at the Spirit Room in downtown Fargo. The exhibition will be available for viewing through Jan. 5, 2018. The film festival will screen at the Fargo Theater Nov. 15-17, 2017.

The mission of the North Dakota Human Rights Film and Arts Festival is to educate, engage and facilitate discussion around local and worldwide human rights topics through the work

of filmmakers and artists. 2017 is the inaugural year for both the film and art festivals. The festival was founded and is managed by the non-profit The Human Family, an organization dedicated to promoting human rights and social justice through film and art. Support for the festival comes from the Fargo Human Relations Commission, Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota, and the North Dakota Human Rights Coalition.

For more information, visit the North Dakota Human Rights Film and Arts Festival contact Sean Coffman, Festival Chair at sean@human-family.org or (701) 205-0248 x101 or visit the Festival's website, www.ndhrff.org.