AARP Presents Opening Night Film and More at San Francisco Bay Area’s CAAMFest36

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AARP presents CAAMFest36’s Opening Night film, AN AMERICAN STORY: NORMAN MINETA AND HIS LEGACY by Director Dianne Fukami, on Thursday, May 10 in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 19, 2018— AARP is returning as the Grand Sponsor of the upcoming 36th Annual CAAMFest hosted in San Francisco and Oakland from Thursday, May 10 to Sunday, May 24. The film festival, presented by the Center for Asian America Media (CAAM), is the nation’s largest showcase for new Asian American and Asian film, food and music programs.

As an opening night sponsor, AARP will present AN AMERICAN STORY: NORMAN MINETA AND HIS LEGACY by director Dianne Fukami on Thursday, May 10 at San Francisco’s iconic Castro Theater. This one-hour documentary film features the life, times and contributions of a pre-eminent Japanese American public service pioneer leading the fight for Japanese American redress to the Americans with Disabilities Act.

“Secretary Mineta has fought for all disenfranchised Americans—from his position as Mayor of San Jose to being appointed the first Asian American cabinet secretary appointed by President Clinton. He has led with humbleness guided by a strong sense of justice. May we all aspire to follow in his footsteps,” said
Daphne Kwok, AARP Vice President of Multicultural Leadership, Asian American and Pacific Islander Audience Strategy. “We thank Director Dianne Fukami and Deborah Nakatomi for capturing Secretary Norman Mineta’s historic contributions.”

AARP will also present two other films at CAAMFest36. **MEDITATION PARK** is Director Mina Shum’s latest film about a devoted wife and mother who is forced to reassess her reverence for her husband after she finds another woman’s thong in his laundry starring Pei-Pei Cheng, Sandra Oh, Tzi Ma, and Don McKellar. Director S. Louisa Wei’s **HAVANA DIVAS** that chronicles the lives of Cantonese opera singers Caridad Amaran and Georgina Wong in 1930s Havana and now in their twilight years.

“Our partnership with AARP has helped us be able to move the festival from March to May to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month with an additional four days of programming,” said CAAM Executive Director Stephen Gong. “We share with AARP a commitment to supporting thought-provoking, bold multicultural stories about life after 50 and recognizing the inspiring filmmakers who produce them.”

CAAMFest36 is a 15-day celebration of film, music and food from the world’s most innovative Asian American artists. The festival has been an important launching point for Asian American independent filmmakers as well as a vital source for new Asian cinema. **AARP members will receive a special discount on regularly-priced tickets using promotion code AARP18 online or showing their membership card at the box office.** To learn more, watch trailers and buy tickets, visit [caamfest.com](http://caamfest.com).

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