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WORLD PREMIERE
THE 9 LIVES OF BARBARA DANE
BY BAY AREA FILMMAKER MAUREEN GOSLING
46TH MILL VALLEY FILM FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL DATES THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5 – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023



Photo: Anti-Vietnam War march in San Francisco 1964 ©Erik Weber

Mill Valley, CA, August 17, 2023 – The Mill Valley Film Festival announces the World Premiere of Maureen Gosling’s *The 9 Lives of Barbara Dane*, a vibrant tribute celebrating the life of a powerhouse blues/jazz/folk singer, activist, feminist, record producer, and committed troublemaker, Barbara Dane. Her nine-decade odyssey redefines established narratives surrounding pivotal eras like 1940s communism, 1950s white femininity, the vibrant tapestry of the 1960s folk movement, the activism of the 1970s GI Anti-War crusade, and the intricate web of the 1980s Iran-Contra affair. Her resolute principles guide her through fame, obscurity, and musical immortality.



About director/editor Maureen Gosling

Bay Area filmmaker Maureen Gosling is a filmmaker who has directed, produced, edited, sound recorded, and distributed documentaries for 50 years. Gosling is best known for her 20-year collaboration with the late Les Blank on over twenty films, and she is a member of the Academy of Motion Picture, Arts and Sciences. Her films include *Burden of Dreams* (Co-filmmaker, Editor, Sound Recordist), *This Ain’t No Mouse Music!* (Producer/Director/Editor with Chris Simon), and *Blossoms of Fire* (Producer/Director/Editor).

In addition to the film screening, on Tuesday, October 10, MVFF46 presents **THE 9 LIVES OF BARBARA DANE – PERFORMANCES IN CELEBRATION OF AN AMERICAN HERO** at the Sweetwater Music Hall, in downtown Mill Valley. A special one-of-a-kind tribute concert honoring the legendary Barbara Dane.

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About Mill Valley Film Festival

Presented by the California Film Institute (CAFILM), the 46th Mill Valley Film Festival runs October 5-15, 2023. MVFF is a significant cultural cinema event in the San Francisco Bay Area. It has gained international recognition for its commitment to showcasing exceptional films, supporting emerging talent, and fostering creative dialogue. Over the years, it has hosted renowned filmmakers, actors, and industry professionals, further establishing its reputation as the West Coast launch pad for many Academy Award®-winning films and a hub for cinematic excellence.

About California Film Institute

The California Film Institute (CAFILM) is a non-profit organization that celebrates and promotes film and media arts through its renowned programs, which include the Mill Valley Film Festival and DocLands Documentary Film Festival. CAFILM fosters the next generation of filmmakers and film lovers through CAFILM Education, offering a wide range of activities, including screenings, Q&A sessions, seminars, and a rich program of classes and hands-on workshops led by international & local filmmakers and industry professionals. The Christopher B. Smith Rafael Film Center, one of the leading non-profit independent theaters in the country, serves as a year-round hub for cinema-centric programming. CAFILM utilizes the power of storytelling through film to entertain and address social, environmental, and cultural issues, reaching 275,000 guests annually. Additionally, CAFILM is the majority owner of the Sequoia Theater in downtown Mill Valley. The organization relies on the generosity of its community; the invaluable support from our sponsors, foundations, individual donors, and members ensures our ability to sustain these vital programs. For more information, visit cafilm.org.

The California Film Institute and Mill Valley Film Festival are in Marin County, California, on the traditional, ancestral, and contemporary homelands of the Coast Miwok, Pomo, and Wappo peoples. This includes the Southern Pomo and Graton Rancheria Tribes. These tribes were removed or displaced from their lands. We recognize this history and the harm to present-day Coast Miwok, Pomo, and Wappo peoples and to their ancestors. The California Film Institute commits to moving forward from a place of authenticity and working with present-day tribes to elevate their stories, history, and present-day legacy through film.

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46th Mill Valley Film Festival

Celebrating the best of independent and world cinema alongside high-profile and prestigious award contenders.

Thursday, October 5 to Sunday, October 15, 2023

Ticket On-Sale Dates

Advance Ticket Packages and Passes on sale Monday, August 7, 2023

General Public Single Tickets on sale Tuesday, September 12, 2023

CFI members can purchase single tickets in advance of the public beginning Friday, September 8, 2023

MVFF46 Bay Area Screening Venues:

San Rafael: Christopher B. Smith Rafael Film Center – October 5 – 15, 2023

Mill Valley: CinéArts Sequoia – October 5 – 15, 2023

Larkspur: Lark Theater – October 13 -15, 2023

Berkeley: Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive – October 6, 7, & 8 and October 13 & 14, 2023

San Francisco: The Roxie Theater – October 9 & 10, 2023