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Animal Film Festival Comes to Santa Barbara

Selected films from the 2016 AFF will be screened at this event

Santa Barbara, CA - Films from around the world featuring animals and their stories will be screened at the Animal Film Festival on Tour hosted by non-profit organization Davey's Voice. Special guest George Zaverdas, director of the multi-award winning film *David & Goliath*, will take the stage after his film screens for a discussion and Q&A.

The 2016 Animal Film Festival, held each year in Grass Valley, California, is bringing several of this year's films including Audience Choice Awards to the New Vic Theater, 33 West Victoria Street, Santa Barbara, Thursday, September 1 from 6:00 - 8 pm. Advance tickets are now on sale at [Ensemble Theatre Company](#).

Six films will be screened:

- **David & Goliath**, Global Audience Award winner at the Manhattan Fest and Los Angeles Jewish Film Festival
- **You've Got a Friend in Me**, about a young man and his friend, a turkey, who spend a sunny day doing fun things together in the city of Vilnius, Lithuania
- **The Ethics of Diet**, a one minute film about the effects of food choices
- **Spay & Neuter PSA**, set in the black & white era of the 1950's, our suburban housewife learns the importance of spaying and neutering;
- **Finding Shelter** follows the Rowles family who pack up their lives in the United Kingdom, move to a small town in Bulgaria for a quiet life, where instead, they open a dog shelter and transform the community
- **Davey's Voice Film**, depicts a march to the Santa Barbara Courthouse in 2014 in memory of Davey, a five month old puppy who had to be euthanized after enduring ongoing torture by his owner.

These films explore aspects of animal welfare, animal rights, the human-animal bond and programs demonstrating ways to improve the lives of animals. If you love animals, you must see these movies!

The evening will culminate with special recognition given to local heroes who have sought justice in animal abuse cases and animal welfare legislation!

“People will be so glad they came to this event! We received 115 films from around the world for this year’s Animal Film Festival during which we screened the 22 finalists,” JP Novic, executive director, CAPE. “Through our collaboration with Davey’s Voice, we are happy to bring the top six films to the Santa Barbara community. The films are entertaining, touching and thought provoking.”

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All proceeds raised from this event will benefit CAPE and Davey’s Voice. To purchase tickets and to learn about the festival visit [Ensemble Theatre Company](#) and www.animalfilmfestival.org.

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