Sunday, May 22nd Castro Theatre San Francisco

Ruth Brinker Story

Food is Love

BURN A LIGHT PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS "THE RUTH BRINKER STORY"
IN ASSOCIATION WITH PROJECT OPEN HAND BROWNED APO W. BAZIDI GORAN ZANETI

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AGENDA

DAYTIME SCREENINGS

2:00pm The Ruth Brinker Story

3:00pm The Ruth Brinker Story/

The Times of Harvey Milk

double feature

EVENING PREMIERE

6:00pm Red Carpet Experience

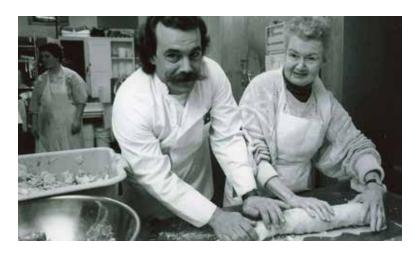
6:40pm Paul Hepfer Welcome

6:45pm The Ruth Brinker Story

7:08pm Q&A with Panel

7:30pm Mezzanine After Party

FILM SYNOPSIS



At the age of 63, retired food-service worker Ruth Brinker became a pioneer of HIV care in her community and would become a legend among San Franciscans. The AIDS epidemic hit San Francisco the hardest and created a wave of fear and uncertainty that left many victims feeling hopeless and alone. Brinker, a woman whose deep compassion became a source of strength for others struggling to cope with the times, began cooking meals in her kitchen to deliver to her neighbors who were too ill to take care of themselves. Her goal was to not only provide meals but to also revitalize the city's sense of community and spend time with HIV/AIDS patients to end the isolation they experienced. Providing meals with love became the hallmark of her mission. The work of Brinker and her growing team of volunteers led to Project Open Hand, the largest provider of nutrition to the HIV/AIDS community with sister organizations across the country. Ruth Brinker's legacy carries on today as Project Open Hand has once again joined the frontlines in facing the crisis of the COVID-19 pandemic.

ABOUT THE FILMMAKER



APO BAZIDI
FOUNDER & CEO
Burn A Light Productions

Apo W. Bazidi was born in Eastern Turkey to Kurdish parents. He grew up amid the social injustices and inequality that beset his community. These experiences drove his desire to become a storyteller so he could shed light on these important issues. After high school, he immigrated to the United States and went on to graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in Film & Television Production from the University of Southern California in 2011.

Apo's films are primarily concerned with social issues and the importance of global cultural interactions. His feature film, Resistance is Life, won eight festival awards including six for Best Documentary Feature. Apo believes in making a positive change through visual storytelling. His lifelong motto is to "be creative and inspire".

PRINCIPAL CREDITS

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AMOR SANTIAGO

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FEATURING:

RUTH BRINKER

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FERNANDO CASTILLO

PAUL HEPFER TOM NOLAN

WENDY COHEN

CAST:

SANDY KOVTUN

as RUTH BRINKER MATTHIEU BRAJOT

as ILL PATIENT 1

WILLIAM R. CONRAD

as ILL PATIENT 2

RICHARD A. KOHL as ILL PATIENT 3

CINEMATOGRAPHER:

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We deliver more than 1 million meals every year by preparing 2,500 nutritous meals and 200 bags of healthy groceries daily to help sustain our clients as they battle serious illnesses, isolation, or the health challenges of aging. We serve the City and County of San Francisco and Alameda County with offices in San Francisco and Oakland, engaging more than 125 volunteers daily to nourish our community.

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