

FILM SERIES

ENDURING POWER: *The Middle Eastern and Iranian Women's Story*

AT: the Resource Center for Nonviolence, 612 Ocean St., Santa Cruz, CA

See the ENDURING POWER Photography Exhibit before or after the Films

Watch the Films: In celebration of the 15th anniversary of UN Security Council Resolution 1325, which recognizes women's critical role in peacebuilding, and honoring International Human Rights Day

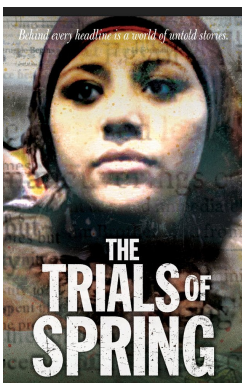


Tuesday, December 1, 7:30PM: **INTO THE SEA**

The story of the first surfers in remote Baluchistan, Iran-- three women share the belief in the power of surfing as a tool for connection, self-empowerment and bridging barriers. Together they plant the seed for new opportunities and use surfing as a creative medium for social change. Irish champion surfer Easkey Britton is joined by Mona Seraji, Iranian snowboard ambassador, and swimmer Shahla Yasini. (52 minutes)



Friday, December 4: THE TRIALS OF SPRING part of First Friday Enduring Power Exhibit Reception. 2 showings of several short films, **6:00 and 8:00PM.** "Three years. Six revolutions. Nine women. Fighting for peace in a state of war." **Tunisia:** Keeping the Promise; **Libya:** Wake up Benghazi; **Syria:** Brides of Peace; **Egypt:** Life's Sentence; **Bahrain:** Our Oath; **Yemen:** When is the Time. (45 minutes). First Friday reception: 6:00- 9:00PM. **7:00PM: Tata Masud**, Founder and CEO of Senses Cultural. — light refreshments provided—



International Human Rights Day:

Thursday, December 10, 7:30PM: TRIALS OF SPRING *feature-length film.* A story about the strength of Egyptian women. When Hend Nafea travels from her village to Cairo to add her voice to the thousands of Egyptians demanding an end to 60 years of military rule, she is arrested, beaten, and tortured by security forces and later punished and imprisoned by her family for daring to speak out. Unbreakable, she sets out in a search for freedom and social justice in a country in the grips of a power struggle. Her story mirrors the trajectory of the Arab Spring—from the ecstasy of newfound courage to the agony of shattered dreams. In the end, despite crushing setbacks, it is resilience that sustains the hope for reform even in the darkest hours of repression.

The *Enduring Power* photography exhibit is sponsored by the **Resource Center for Nonviolence** and **Senses Cultural**. Co-sponsored by WILPF Santa Cruz and Santa Cruz United Nations Association.

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