

**LA Harbor International Film Festival (LAHIFF)**  
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*To create a cinematic bridge between the people of the region and the people of the world*

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**Media Alert**

**Port of Los Angeles Premiere Sunday, March 17**  
**Rebel With A Cause: The Life Of Aiko Herzig Yoshinaga**  
**Warner Grand Theatre - historic downtown San Pedro – Port of Los Angeles (POLA)**  
**Social Justice Theme Speaks to Faith based Communities, Students & All Citizens of Conscience**  
**Admission Free – Donations Accepted**



**Who:** 16<sup>th</sup> annual LA Harbor International Film Festival (LAHIFF) (Festival takes place March 14-17)  
**Opening program DocSunday ~ POLA Premiere**  
*Sponsored by Marathon Petroleum Corporation Los Angeles Refinery & Los Angeles Maritime Museum\**

**What:** ***Rebel With A Cause: The Life Of Aiko Herzig Yoshinaga***  
(U.S.A., Idli Ramen Productions, 2016, 88 min., Dir. by Janice D. Tanaka)  
Filmmaker & others to be confirmed present for Conversation and Q&A after screening

**When:** **DocSunday**, March 17<sup>th</sup>; 1-3 pm (doors open 12:30 pm)

**Where:** Warner Grand Theatre (WGT), 478 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St.. historic downtown San Pedro, CA 90731 - POLA

**Synopsis:**

The feature documentary film reveals the story of Aiko Herzig Yoshinaga's role in the effort to gain retribution for unlawful imprisonment and confiscation of property and monies of Japanese Americans in World War II. She did research for the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians and was instrumental in the coram nobis cases of Fred Korematsu, Gordon Hirabayashi and Minoru Yasui as well as the class-action suit filed by the National Council for Japanese American Redress. The acclaimed film was featured in the 2016 Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film Festival.

See: [www.facebook.com/REBEL-WITH-A-CAUSE-The-Life-of-Aiko-Herzig-Yoshinaga-1664358677146582/?ref=bookmarks](http://www.facebook.com/REBEL-WITH-A-CAUSE-The-Life-of-Aiko-Herzig-Yoshinaga-1664358677146582/?ref=bookmarks)

**Cost:** **Admission Free – Donations Accepted**

**Tickets:** For all LAHIFF programs from Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com); telephone (800) 838-3006; or WGT box office one hour prior to program screening - cash sales only

**More:** LAHIFF website: [www.laharborfilmfest.com](http://www.laharborfilmfest.com)

**\* In addition:** Before or after the screening visit **Los Angeles Maritime Museum (LAMM)** near the WGT:  
~ Berth 84, Foot of 6<sup>th</sup> St., San Pedro, CA 90731 ~  
Hours: Tuesday -Sunday 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. ~ Suggested Donation: \$5.00 Adults, \$3.00 Seniors, Children 12 and under: free  
Featured Exhibit (opened April 2017)

**"Tāminaru: A Day In The Life Of A Japanese American Fishing Village"**

The exhibit, guest curated by author Naomi Hirahara, sponsored by Friends of LAMM and the Japan Business Association, documents life of those residing on Terminal Island (T.I.) located across the main channel from San Pedro (SP), during the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century when T.I. was home to approximately 3,000 Japanese-Americans who worked predominantly in the fishing and canning industries. Known as "Terminal Islanders" they retained their native language and customs, yet had close interaction with SP and Wilmington. In response to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941 the U.S. government relocated the entire community along with thousands of Japanese decent to internment camps across America. Though the village no longer exists residents have never forgotten their beloved village they called "Furusato." More at: [www.lamaritimemuseum.org](http://www.lamaritimemuseum.org) In 2007 LAHIFF presented The Lost Village of Terminal Island, for more see: [www.terminalisland.org](http://www.terminalisland.org) (2/2019)