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## ***SHE IS THE OCEAN***

Premiere screening of Inna Blokhina's documentary film, followed by a panel discussion with the director and special guests

**Where:** Streaming online

**When:** Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 7:00pm PST

**Cost:** \$12. A portion of the proceeds benefits the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum.

**Registration:** <https://watch.eventive.org/sheistheocean/play/5f6a59bbc90537006fe8ed89>

**For further information or to view the Trailer:** [www.bluefoxentertainment.com](http://www.bluefoxentertainment.com)



The Santa Barbara Maritime Museum (SBMM) is proud to announce the Santa Barbara premiere of ***SHE IS THE OCEAN*** from Inna Blokhina, acclaimed director of the award-winning film *On the Wave*. ***SHE IS THE OCEAN*** follows nine women from across the globe and across all ages, who share a deep and profound love of the ocean. In making this unique documentary, Blokhina selected these women, ranging from the ages of twelve to eighty-three, to create a portrait of what could be a metaphor for one woman's ocean life through all her ages, and the film will appeal to surf enthusiasts around the world!

Following the film screening, Greg Gorga, Executive Director of the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum, will moderate a panel with director Inna Blokhina and a host of special guests, including Holly Lohuis, a marine biologist who works with Jean-Michel Cousteau, Cinta Hansel and her father, underground surfer hero Bruce Hansel. Gorga notes, "SBMM is excited to host this

special film, highlighting the love and special connection these amazing women have with the ocean."

The ocean "heroes" featured in the documentary include: Coco Ho, Hawaiian professional surfer & daughter of legendary pro surfer Michael Ho; **Cinta Hansel**, daughter of pro surfer Bruce Hansel; **Keala Kennelly**, pro surfer and winner of the WSL "Barrel of the Year 2016;" **Andrea Moller**, big wave surfer and winner of WSL "Women Best Performance 2016" and Big Wave World Champion in 2019; **Anna Bader**, German high diver and 7-time European Champion in cliff diving; **Rose Molina**, free-diver and ballet dancer; **Ocean Ramsey**, shark conservationist and free-diver from Hawaii; **Jeannie Chesser**, surfing icon and mother of the

late legendary surfer, Todd Chesser; and **Sylvia Earle**, marine biologist, explorer, and the first female chief scientist of the U.S.

According to **James Huntsman**, owner of Blue Fox Entertainment which is releasing the film, “We are proud to work with Inna Blokhina bringing these amazing and touching stories to audiences around the world, and we believe SBMM is the ideal partner to present this inspirational film to the Santa Barbara community.”

Said director **Inna Blokhina**, “In creating this film, I found that there is an incredibly unique story behind every woman. And every woman deserves to be heard. For almost 6 years I have been collecting stories of 9 amazing women to capture their incredible willpower and ability to follow their dreams no matter what. They taught me to dream big, believe in my dreams, and to follow your heart, follow your feelings... And now I would like to share this fabulous experience with audiences everywhere.

Shot in stunning 4k cinematography, the film captures these ocean stories in a spectacularly immersive way, bringing to life every ocean encounter in breathtaking fashion – from free-swimming with sharks far below the surface, to the top of the world’s biggest waves. A journey of both natural beauty and human empathy, ***SHE IS THE OCEAN*** is the story of powerful women with depths unknown.

#### **ABOUT THE SANTA BARBARA MARITIME MUSEUM**

Since 2000, the [Santa Barbara Maritime Museum](#) has featured many artifacts and stories to share the history of the Santa Barbara Channel with more than 40,000 visitors annually and provides year-round experiential maritime history and marine science education for local youth. Featuring the impressive *First-Order Fresnel Lighthouse Lens* from Point Conception, some of SBMM's other exhibits include *the History of Oil in Santa Barbara Channel & Chumash Use of Asphaltum*, the *Honda Disaster*, *Wives and Daughters: Keepers of the Light*, and *Mermaids: Visualizing the Myths and Legends through Photography*. With the advent of the COVID virus, the Museum has also made many of its lectures, programs, and activities available in an online format through its [SBMM at Home](#) webpage. SBMM is located at the historic Santa Barbara Harbor at 113 Harbor Way, Suite 190, Santa Barbara, CA 93109. Visit [sbmm.org](#) for further information.

#### **ABOUT BLUE FOX ENTERTAINMENT**

BLUE FOX ENTERTAINMENT is a global film sales and domestic distribution company specializing in connecting filmmakers to audiences and buyers around the world. The company has a deep history in film production, marketing, finance, sales, and distribution. Blue Fox delivers movies to the domestic and international markets providing content across all media platforms, including Theatrical, On Demand, DVD, and Television. Blue Fox Entertainment’s recent releases include the critically acclaimed comedy *SOMETIMES ALWAYS NEVER* starring Bill Nighy, the re-release of the acclaimed documentary *MARLEY* about the life and music of Bob Marley, the feel-good comedy *A SIMPLE WEDDING* starring Tara Grammy, Shohfeh Aghdashloo, Rita Wilson, and Maz Jobrani, and Fernando Grostein Andrade’s Sundance family comedy *ABE* starring Noah Schnapp.



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