

# 2007 International Working Class Film & Video Festival

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## At Roxie Theatre

3117 16th St. at Valencia, San Francisco

**July 5 (Thursday) 7:00 PM \$5.00**

**Big Brother is Watching Us - The Other Side of Samsung** (40 min) 2006

by Labor News Production (Korea)

Samsung in Korea is now using their high tech to head off unionization. Workers discover that their every word outside the factory is being fed back to Samsung.

**Battle of Local 5668** (54 min) 2007

This little-known story of 1700 men and women in rural West Virginia who refused to give in to big business and fought for their rights.

**July 6 (Friday) 7:00 PM \$5.00**

**Against Coercion** (60 min) 2006

by Video Press (Japan)

The Tokyo government is now punishing teachers who don't stand up during the singing of national anthem "Kimigayo". Since October 2003, 345 teachers have been punished.

**Korea, Labor and FTA** (25 min) 2006

by MediAct (Korea)

This film shows the reason Korean workers are up in arms against the proposed US-Korea Free Trade Agreement.

**July 7 (Saturday) 2:00 PM \$5.00**

**Ballad of Joe Hill** (115 min) 1971

by Bo Widerberg (Sweden/United States)

The story of Joe Hill who was martyred after being shot by a Utah firing squad in one of the most controversial capital punishment trials of the 20th Century.

**Land, Rain and Fire** (28 min) 2006

by Tami Gold

What began as a teachers' strike on May 22, 2006 for better wages and more resources for students has erupted into a massive movement in the state of Oaxaca, Mexico.

**July 7 (Saturday) 7:00 PM \$5.00**

**Morristown** (60 min) 2007

by Jean Lewis

Morristown tells about workers who are directly faced with the costs of NAFTA and globalization.

**Uncommon Knowledge** (28 min) 2006

by Eliza Hemenway

University of California's plans unfold to shut down its historic San Francisco campus in order to convert it into a profitable private development.

**The New Los Angeles** (55 min) 2006

by Lyn Goldfarb

This examines how race, labor and immigration have shaped this most complex of cities.

**July 8 (Sunday) 2:00 PM \$5.00**

**The Spanish Earth** (52 min) 1937

by Joris Ivens, written by John Dos Passos & Ernest Hemingway

Combining visceral footage shot at the frontlines, the film presents the human face of the Spanish civil war.

**Souls Without Borders - The Untold Story of The Abraham Lincoln Brigade** (52 min) 2006

by Alfonso Domingo & Anthony L. Geist

Abraham Lincoln Brigade defied their government's ban and took a stand against Franco, Hitler, and Mussolini in the bloody Spanish Civil War.

**July 8 (Sunday) 7:00 PM \$5.00**

**Carry On Ken** (40 min) 2006

by Toby Reisz

Ken Loach has spent his life doing film about the lives, history and struggle of working people around the world. See how he does it.

**This Is The Subway** (30 min) 2006

by Ojo Obrero (Argentina)

Buenos Aires subway workers won back their 6 hour day after the military dictatorship.

**The GAMA Strike** (60 min) 2006

by Socialist Party of Ireland (Ireland)

In 2005 a group of Turkish workers made history in Ireland when they took on their employer, Turkish-owned multinational construction giant GAMA.

**Rebuilding San Francisco** (28 min) 2006

by Maria Brooks

A tribute to the workers who rebuilt San Francisco after the earthquake of 1906 in only three years.

## At Humanist Hall

370 27th St. near Broadway, Oakland

**July 6 (Friday) 7:00 PM \$5.00**

**Maquilapolis** (68 min) 2006

by Vicky Funari & Sergio DeLa Torre

The filmmakers gave several women workers in Tijuana video cameras to make a record of their lives.

**No Te Rajes** (29 min) 2006

by Caitlin Manning

The peaceful civil disobedience movement took over the heart of Mexico City for 49 days in 2006.

**My Bicycle / Bisikletim** (12 min)

by Esra Var, Seda Ozdemir, Ercan Cof, Tolga Sert

A 13 year old Turkish boy goes to a big city for work as a temporary worker in a beer factory.

**Estamos Aqui** (10 min) 2005

by Insurgent Media

AFSCME union initiated a one-day strike at all University of California campuses.

**July 13 (Friday) 7:00 PM \$5.00**

**Class Struggle Films from Australia**

**Film-Work** (43 min) 1981

by John Huges

The Waterside Workers Federation in Australia supported a film unit in the '50s. Film-Work, produced in 1981, looks at sequences from four of these films in conversation with the Unit's members raising issues pertinent to current problems of film and labor history, politics and social change.

**The Hungry Miles** (49 min) 1954

by Jack Levy & Keith Gow

This shows the real lives and struggles of the Australian dockers.

**July 20 (Friday) 7:00 PM \$5.00**

**The Scavengers** (69 min) 2007

by Karahber (Turkey)

Kurdish people who were pushed out of their village in Hakkari during 1994 are still in a battle for survival. In 2001, a group of these workers started to video record their daily lives.

**Central Bakery O. Dridi** (33 min) 2002

by Camy Julien (France)

Omar Dridi was born in Algeria and he arrived in France after the Algerian's war where he lost his parents. He talks about his life, his work, his dream, the new generation etc.

**July 27 (Friday) 7:00 PM \$5.00**

**Mother Jones** (28 min) 2007

by Rosemary Feurer, Laura Vassuez

In her late 500s she began to struggle for workers rights and helped organize strikes and marches including marches to protest child labor.

**Stolt Australia** (11 min)

by MUA film unit (Australia)

Fight by MUA ship crew of the MT Stolt who to keep it from being reflagged with the resulting destruction of jobs.

**We Live on The Railroad** (20 min)

by Doro Chiba (Japan)

This is the story of the fight against privatization of JR (Japan Rail) by railroad workers union.

**Cleaners Christmas Carol** (4 min) U.K.

by Chris Kasrils

The living wage campaign of cleaners goes up against scrooge.

**Hola Australia** (20 min)

by MUA film unit (Australia)

Australian wharfies win a trip to Cuba.

## At Mission Cultural Center

2868 Mission St. near 25th, San Francisco

**July 20 (Friday) 7:00 PM \$5.00**

**Workers Battling Apartheid**

**Commemoration of The 20th Anniversary of the Strike Wave in S.A.**

Brother Robert Mashego 2nd Vice President of SATAWU from Johannesburg, South Africa who was in the strike has been invited to speak.

**COSATU and The Freedom Charter**

(60 min) 1987 Producer unknown

This valuable historical video record of the 1987 strike wave against the apartheid regime of South Africa.

**The Long March, The BTR Strike**

(26 min) 1987 by Open Eye Productions

Follows the NUMSA Sarmcol strike. This strike of the BTR workers in South Africa won support from throughout the world including the Bay Area.

**July 27 (Friday) 7:00 PM \$5.00**

**USA vs Al-Arian** (52 min) 2007

by Line Halvorsen

Targeted by the US government of Palestinian American professor Dr. Sami Al-Ariani, the film shows a personal story of a family living in a society where fear of terrorism has resulted in increasing stigmatization and discrimination against Muslims.

**Suicide Jumpers** (13 min)

by Herbert Docena (Lebanon)

Filipino domestic helpers were subjected to collective punishment in August 2006 by Israel because of the Lebanon bombing.

**The Wisconsin Plan: From Welfare to Work?**

(13 min) 2007 by Sawt el-Amel / The Labor's voices

Israel's "Wisconsin Plan"-welfare-work experiment- is causing the social and economic problems on Palestinian people in Israel.

**The Alley** (14 min) 2007 by a-films

From Occupied Palestine, this film explores aspects of the current political economy of Balata Refugee Camp in Nablus.

## At Other Locations:

**July 13 (Friday) 6:00 PM \$5.00**

**The Herd (SURU)** (118 min) 1978

by Yilmaz Guney (Turkey)

A shepherd seeks to take his flock to Ankara to sell and in the process we see the transformation of society and the life of the Kurds. This film was banned in Turkey during the 1980s.

**Oppression is Illegal** (21 min) 2006

by Labor News Production (Korea)

In South Korea, many trade unionists and leaders are jailed and faced with being sued personally for costs when they go on strike.

**New College** - 777 Valencia St. at 19th, SF

**July 15 (Sunday) 1:00 PM Donation**

**Renaissance 2010** (52 min) 2007

by Jackson Potter & Al Ramirez

This work looks at the motives behind school privatization and the proliferation of charters in the Chicago Public Schools.

**Class Dismissed: How TV Frames the**

**Working Class** (62 min) 2005

by Loretta Alper & Pepi Leistyna

This film navigates the steady stream of narrow working class representations from American television.

**ILWU Local 6 Hall** - 255 9th St. at Howard, SF

**July 25 (Wednesday) 5:30 PM Donation**

**The Scavengers** (69 min) 2007

by Karahber (Turkey) (See July 20th at Humanist)

**Labour Days** (29 min) 2007

by Stuart Cryer (Canada)

It takes us through the history of the company town in Canada and how the workers began to organize and fight for their rights.

**Producing Just Garments** (25 min)

by Media Insurgence

500 workers of the Textile Union STIT are forced to occupy and run their factory after the bosses pulled out in an effort to destroy the union.

**SEIU Local 87 Hall** - 240 Golden Gate, SF



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**Please check the back page for The International Working Class Film & Video Festival schedule**

## July 7 (Saturday) 10:30 AM

**Labor Bike Tour** by Chris Carlsson  
For more information: (415) 608-9035  
carlsson.chris@gmail.com

## July 7 (Saturday) 8:00 PM Free

### **Song and Poetry Swap**

Bring songs or poems to share.  
885 Clayton St., at Carl St. SF  
For info: (415) 648-3457

## July 8 (Sunday) 10:30 AM Free

### **A Walk in Downtown San Francisco**

By Historian David Giesen- Walking tour of labor and political history sites of San Francisco. Meet at Dewey Monument in Union Square

## July 8 (Sunday) 1:00 PM Free

### **Railway Strike of 1907 Bernal History**

**Walk** By Terry Milne and Molly Martin will lead the walk with a focus on the United Railway Strike of 1907. Meet at Virginia & Coleridge, near Mission & 30th St. For more info: call: 415-285-8978

## July 8 (Sunday) 5:00 PM Free

### **Labor On The Margins - Poetry Reading**

City Lights Bookstore - 261 Columbus at Broadway, SF

## July 9 (Monday) 7:00 PM Free

### **Musical and Live Theater**

The SF City College Labor Drama Class, the Labor Heritage Rockin' Solidarity Chorus & others  
Location to be announced - check website

## July 10 (Tuesday) 7:00 PM Free

### **500 Years of Chicana Women's History**

A book reading with Elizabeth (Betita) Martinez.  
Modern Times Bookstore - 888 Valencia St., SF

## July 11 (Wednesday) 7:00 PM Free

### **Labor, Imperialism and Indigenous People**

Forum - With Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz, Jimbo Simmons, Aileen "Chockie" Cottier, Morningstar Gali  
New College - 777 Valencia St., SF

## July 12 (Thursday) 7:00 PM Donation

### **Danish Labor Musicians Performing**

For info: (408) 674-5020, jimmy.kelly@sbcglobal.net  
Poet & Patriot Bar - 320 Cedar St., Santa Cruz

## July 13 (Friday) 7:00 PM Free

### **The Fight of Our Lives: The War of Attrition Against US Labor**

Reading by Richard D. Vogel  
Modern Times Bookstore - 888 Valencia St., SF

## July 14 (Saturday) 11 - 4:00 PM

### **Living History: SF Waterfront Strike 1901**

A theatrical Performance of 1901 City Waterfront Federation Strike by Living History Players.  
Hyde Street Pier at the foot of Hyde Street For More Information Call: (415) 447-5000

## July 14 (Saturday) 1:00 PM Free

### **The Redstone Walk - Labor, Art & The Politics of the Mission District**

With Louis Prisco  
The Redstone building - 16th Street at Capp, SF

## July 14 (Saturday) 6:30 PM \$8.00

### **Danish Labor Music**

6:30 Reception, 7:30 Concert  
Danish singers and musicians performing Danish working class songs. Denmark has had a great tradition of working class songs and music.  
SF Community Music Center - 544 Capp St., SF

## July 15 (Sunday) 1 - 4:00 PM Free

### **Danish Music**

Danish Jazz singer Irina Strange and Jazz musician Donald Pender perform  
Old Dutch Windmill in Golden Gate Park

## July 15 (Sunday) 5:30 PM Free

### **Sea Songs of 19th Century Sailors**

A performance before the boat ride with Richard Adrianowicz & Peter Kasin  
Terminal E - (south side of the ferry Building), SF

## July 15 (Sunday) 6:30 PM \$35.00

### **Labor Maritime History Boat Tour**

Nighttime dinner cruise  
Reservation: Call (415) 642-8066 or e-mail: laborfest@laborfest.net, then send your check to LaborFest, POB 40983, SF 94140  
Terminal E - (south side of the ferry Building), SF

## July 16 (Monday) 7:00 PM Free

### **1877 Strike and The Chinese struggle For Justice**

Presentation by Anna Naruta  
New College - 766 Valencia St. at 19th St., SF

## July 17 (Tuesday) 7:00 PM Free

### **Denmark, Labor, Art & The Working Class Movement**

A report on the labor situation in Denmark and role of labor culture and arts.  
AFM Local 6 Hall - 116 9th St. near Mission St. SF

## July 18 (Wednesday) 7:00 PM Free

### **From Us to Them: The \$ Trillion Dollar**

**Income Shift** Book Reading by Jack Rasmus  
Modern Times Bookstore - 888 Valencia St. SF

## July 19 (Thursday) 8:00 PM \$10.00

### **Brecht Concert**

Songs of Bertolt Brecht with music by Hanns Eisler, Kurt Weill, and Paul Dessau  
a. Muse gallery - 614 Alabama St.

## July 21 (Saturday) 10:30 AM Free

### **San Francisco General Strike Walk**

With Jack Heyman and Louis Prisco.  
Meet at Harry Bridges Plaza - Front of Ferry Building, SF

## July 21 (Saturday) 12:00 Noon Free

### **Memoirs, Non-fiction, Poetry and Stories (LaborFest Writers Group)**

The group will read their writing honoring working people.  
New College - 777 Valencia at 19th St., SF

## July 21 (Saturday) 2:00-5:00 PM \$5.00

### **Words On Fire**

A spoken word performance, poetry/theater, and topical songs  
ILWU Local 6 Hall - 255 9th Street., SF

## July 21 (Saturday) 7:00 PM \$5.00

### **Tillie Olsen "Her Words Ring Out"**

A benefit reading and video with devorah major, Annie Hershey, Nellie Wong, Merle Woo, Daisy Anarchy, Alice Rogoff, Leslie Simon and others.  
New College - 777 Valencia St., SF

## July 22 (Sunday) 10:00 - 2:00 PM Free

### **Labor, Telecommunications, The Public & Media**

This educational training will provide an overview and hands on training on the use of video and new technology.  
New College- 777 Valencia St. at 19th St., SF

## July 22 (Sunday) 3:00 PM Free

### **The Devil in Silicon Valley: Northern**

**California, Race and Mexican Americans**  
Book Reading by Stephen Pitti  
Modern Times Bookstore - 888 Valencia St. SF

## July 22 (Sunday) 7:00 PM Free

### **Housing Struggles**

A panel discussion with labor and housing rights activists on the housing crisis  
ILWU Local 6 Hall - 255 9th St., near Howard, SF

## July 23 (Monday) 6:00 PM Free

## **1877 Great strike and The 1907 SF Car Workers Strike**

Film "The Grand army of Salvation", and presentation by Michael Theriault, Larry Shoup.  
Plumbers Hall - 1621 Market St. at Franklin St. SF

## July 24 (Tuesday) 7:00 PM Free

### **Forced Off The Land: A story of One family's Struggle in 1847 Ireland**

Reading and presentation by Margaret Cooley  
With film "Mother Jones (28 min)  
New College - 777 Valencia St. at 19th St., SF

## July 25 (Wednesday) 7:00 PM Free

### **IWW: From the Bay Area to the End of the Earth**

We will trace the IWW from its current form back through diverse areas of strike struggles and working class culture.  
Niebyl-Proctor Marxist Library - 6501 Telegraph Ave. in Oakland

## July 26 (Thursday) 7:00 PM Free

### **Golden Gulag: Prisons, Surplus, Crisis and**

### **Opposition in Globalizing California**

Reading By Ruthie Gilmore  
Modern Times Bookstore - 888 Valencia St. at 20th, SF

## July 27 (Friday) 7:00 PM \$5.00 Donation

### **Concert of The Choruses**

Coro Obrero with Francisco Herrera and the Labor Heritage Rockin' Solidarity Chorus  
SEIU 87 Hall - 240 Golden Gate, SF

## July 28 (Saturday) 3:00 PM Free

### **The Living New Deal: Excavating the**

### **Public Landscape of the Great Depression**

Presentation By Gray Brechin.  
ILWU Local 6 Hall - 255 9th St. near Howard, SF

## July 28 (Saturday) 10:30 AM Free

### **Oakland 1946 General Strike Walk**

With Karin Hart and Gifford Hartman  
Meet at the fountain in Latham Square, Telegraph and Broadway across from the Rotunda Building

## July 28 (Saturday) 12:00 Noon Free

### **Kids at Work and On Strike**

A program for school-age children with labor history stories, songs and activities.  
SUP Hall - 450 Harrison St. at 1st St., SF

## July 29 (Sunday) 10:00 AM \$15.00

### **WPA Bus Tour**

With Gray Brechin & Harvey Smith, they will discuss about 75 years of WPA.  
Meet at the bottom corner of Aquatic Park Hyde & Jefferson  
Reservation required: call (415) 642-8066 or by e-mail: laborfest@laborfest.net  
Make reservation, then send check to: LaborFest, P.O. Box 40983, SF, CA 94140

## July 29 (Sunday) 1:00 - 3:00 PM Free

### **Publishing Contract Workshop**

With the National Writers Union  
New College - 777 Valencia St. at 19th, SF

## July 29 (Sunday) 7:00 PM \$10.00

### **Wasn't That a Time - A 'People's Songbook'**

Folk This! with Carol Denney, Robert Temple and Steven Low  
La Pena Cultural Center - 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley

## July 30 (Monday) 7:00 PM Free

### **National Writers Union Reading**

Bird and Beckett Bookstore - 2788 Diamond St., SF

## July 31 (Tuesday) 7:00 PM \$5.00 Donation

### **Closing Party**

With Angry Tired Teachers Band, Keith Gow, Norma Disher, Jock Levy and Musica Humana Blues. Join us in supporting these working class bands from Hayward.  
El Rio - 3158 Mission St. at Precita, SF