

LA Harbor International Film Festival (LAHIFF)

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SaveThe Date –Wednesday, April 25

Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger & City of Glendale

Sponsor Free Screening At Alex Theatre

Crows of the Desert: A Hero's Journey Through The Armenian Genocide

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Who: Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger & City of Glendale in connection with LAHIFF present

What: ***Crows of the Desert - A Hero's Journey Through The Armenian Genocide***

(61 min, USA, 2016, Directed by Marta Houske)

Filmmaker and colleagues present for "Conversation and Q&A" after the screening
(*Caution: Some of the archival visual imagery might be concern for youth and some adults)

When: Wednesday, April 25: 7:30 pm (doors open 6:30 pm)

Where: Alex Theatre, 216 N. Brand Blvd., Glendale, CA 91203

Why: Commemorating the 103rd anniversary of the Armenian Genocide that began April 25, 1915 (1915-1923); and L.A. County Armenian History Month

Synopsis: Emmy Award winner film director/writer/producer Marta Houske spent nearly four years creating this exceptional documentary film uncovering extraordinary and rare archival footage and photographs from around the world, revealing the terror and bravery of this astonishing true story of the heroic efforts of Levon Yotnakhparian ("Levon") that took place over a century ago during the Armenian Genocide (1915-1923).

As World War I raged in the Middle East, with Col. T.E. Lawrence ("Lawrence of Arabia") fighting side by side with the Arabs against the Ottoman Empire, Levon barely escaped with his own life. Caught up in the chaos he risked extreme peril to return to this dangerous realm and lead a small expeditionary group to help save his people from near extinction in the 20th century's first genocide that saw the demise of over two million Armenians, Greeks and Assyrians, which makes this story compelling for their ancestors, and people of conscience around the world. Various fascinating historical figures appear in the story including Lawrence, Prince Faisal, Hussein El-Attrache and Sarah Aaronsohn.

A Matrix Communications production, credits include: executive producer, Paul G. Turpanjian (TF Educational Foundation); film editors, Chris Toussaint and Brian Denny; original score by John Massari; inspired by Crows Of The Desert, the memoirs of Levon Yotnakhparian, by Levon Parian (Levon's grandson and namesake).

(Note: 14th annual LAHIFF programmed as Port of Los Angeles premiere in 2017).

Cost:

Free - tickets at alextheatre.org (limit of four per order); or box office day of screening; must have ticket to be admitted

More - About the film: www.CrowsOfTheDesert.com
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Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/181887769>

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