



About LUNAFEST™

LUNAFEST is a national film festival that began in 2001 that features short films by, for, or about women. In 2001, a group of people at CLIF Bar were trying to come up with new and unique ideas to support women's issues and give back to our community. Through the power of creative minds, LUNAFEST was born and since its inception LUNAFEST has proven to be a successful and amazing adventure.

In addition to providing national exposure for emerging women filmmakers, LUNAFEST also supports one of the most important causes for women today by donating a portion of the proceeds from the festival to The Breast Cancer Fund (BCF). In 2004, LUNAFEST was held in 60 venues across the country, growing from an eight-city tour when it launched in 2001. As part of our goal to generate awareness of women's issues, LUNA has raised more than \$75,000 for the BCF and we look forward to continuing to raise funds to go back into our communities and to help BCF grow.

LUNAFEST is not only about screening an evening of films to a community of women (and their friends, families, partners, husbands, and boyfriends), but about giving women a place to share their ideas and a forum to express their thoughts, providing an intimate venue for receptions and gatherings, and sharing and passing the word along to other communities of women.

LUNAFEST accepts films in a variety of genres and has featured works as diverse as documentaries and animated shorts to dance narratives. Films embody a wide range of topics, and include topics such as women's health, sexuality, spirituality, cultural diversity, body image and the environment.

LUNAFEST has just completed its 5th year and will return to screens nationwide for its 6th anniversary beginning in October 2006. The 2006/2007 program will travel to more than 100 locations nationwide. LUNA partners with college groups and non-profit organizations that host and promote their very own LUNAFEST in their community. These organizations use LUNAFEST to raise funds to support their own non-profit or college group in addition to BCF. This is a very exciting time for LUNAFEST and we are excited to have all of these amazing organizations on board in 2006.

Our Mission

LUNA created LUNAFEST to support women on a number of levels. Here is our mission:

- To provide women filmmakers the opportunity to be seen and heard
- To empower women by showcasing women's issues, stories and amazing moments
- To support women's health and our partnership with the Breast Cancer Fund
- To support local communities by providing non-profit groups and colleges a creative medium to raise funds for their organizations
- To provide women with a forum to communicate, share and inspire social change within their communities