

NET's March 17 Coffee and Conversation Film Is 'Wonder Women! The Untold Story of American Superheroines'

NET's film and discussion series "Coffee and Conversation in the Community" resumes at 1 p.m. Sunday, March 17. The film, "Wonder Women! The Untold Story of American Superheroines," screens at the Mary Riepma Ross Media Arts Center at 13th and Q streets on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus.

"Coffee and Conversation" is free and open to the public. A community discussion in UNL's Van Brunt Visitors Center follows each screening. The films are shown in partnership with ITVS Community Cinema, Lincoln community radio station KZUM (89.3 FM), Mary Riepma Ross Media Arts Center, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and Southeast Community College.

"Wonder Women! The Untold Story of American Superheroines," by Kristy Guevara-Flanagan, traces the fascinating evolution and legacy of Wonder Woman. From the birth of the comic book superheroine in the 1940s to the 1970s blockbuster TV series, "Wonder Women!" looks at how popular representations of powerful women often reflect society's anxieties about women's liberation. The film goes behind the scenes with Lynda Carter, Lindsay Wagner, comic writers and artists, and real-life superheroines such as Gloria Steinem, Kathleen Hanna and others, who offer an enlightening and entertaining counterpoint to the male-dominated superhero genre.

The discussion leader for this film will be a representative from the UNL Women's Center. Additional partners for "Wonder Women!" are the UNL Women's Center and the UNL Women's and Gender Studies Program.

For more on the film, go to <http://wonderwomendoc.com/team/filmmakers/>. This film is part of "Women and Girls Lead," a multiyear public media initiative to focus, educate, and connect citizens worldwide in support of issues facing women and girls. For more on this initiative, go to <http://www.itvs.org/women-and-girls-lead>.

For more information on the series and NET Community Engagement and Educational Outreach, check the NET website at <http://netNebraska.org/engage>

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