

THE DONALD M. EPHRAIM SUN & STARS  
INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL®

# Special Summer Screening of BELLA!

**T**he Donald M. Ephraim Sun & Stars International Film Festival® (SASIFF) is hosting a special summer screening of *BELLA!*, an award-winning documentary about trailblazing **Congresswoman Bella Abzug**, on the 104th anniversary of her birth: July 24th at 4pm at Cinemark Boynton Beach 14.

“Part of our mission is to bring thought-provoking films to Palm Beach,” said SASIFF Founder **Donald M. Ephraim**. “I can only imagine what a firebrand like Bella Abzug would make of this election year and our hope is that this special summer screening sparks audience interest on both sides of the political aisle.

The 2022 winner of the Library of Congress/Ken Burns Prize for Film, *BELLA!* celebrates the fiery feminist who entered Congress in 1970 ready for a fight. With her trademark hat and Bronx swagger, Bella Abzug upended the Washington patriarchy, battling for women’s equality, civil rights, and LGBTQ+ protections. Using never-before-seen home movies, audio diaries and a vast trove of newly discovered news footage, this gripping documentary features new interviews with Barbra Streisand, Nancy Pelosi, Hillary Clinton, Gloria Steinem, Lily Tomlin, Maxine Waters, Shirley MacLaine, Phil Donahue, Marlo Thomas, Charlie Rangel, Scott Stringer and David Dinkins.

**Jeff L. Lieberman**, the Writer-Director of *BELLA!*, will attend the special screening and participate in a Q&A with the audience.

**Ken Burns**, America’s most celebrated documentary filmmaker, has praised *BELLA!* as “one of the most energetic and wonderful films,” while *The New York Times* says it “illustrates the merciless challenges of electoral endurance event for the fiercest fighter.”

Cinemark Boynton Beach 14 is located at 1151 N. Congress Ave. in Boynton Beach. Tickets to *Bella!* are \$14 and may be purchased at <http://sasiff.org/Bella>. For more information call 561.220.6735 or email [info@sasiff.org](mailto:info@sasiff.org).

The Donald M. Ephraim Sun & Stars International Film Festival, presented by **MorseLife**, aims to bring highly anticipated, critically acclaimed, and thought-provoking films to Palm Beach County. As a world-class film festival, The Donald M. Ephraim Sun & Stars International represents a major contribution to the cultural life of Palm Beach County. SASIFF returns for a new season with screenings



at the Rinker Playhouse at the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts (January 23 - January 30, 2025) and EVO Entertainment Delray (January 31 - February 2, 2025). Now entering its third year, the SASIFF is overseen by Artistic Director **Barbara Scharres**, the former Director of Programming at the Gene Siskel Film Center at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

MorseLife serves more than 3,600 seniors every day on its campus in West Palm Beach and through its community outreach programs. Founded in 1983, MorseLife is a provider of health care and residential services for seniors in Palm Beach County. A charitable, not-for-profit organization, its programs also include short-term rehabilitation, long-term care, independent and assisted living, memory care assisted living, hospice, home health care, care management, meals-on-wheels, and PACE. Since its beginnings, MorseLife has built a reputation and tradition of caring for seniors with excellence, dignity, and compassion. For more information visit [morselife.org](http://morselife.org) or email [info@morselife.org](mailto:info@morselife.org).