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## **NEW SURF DOCUMENTARY CELEBRATES LIFE AND SURFING FROM A FEMININE PERSPECTIVE**

SANTA BARBARA, CA. (March 6, 2016) - "THE WOMEN AND THE WAVES 2," a new surf documentary from Heather Hudson/Graciegirl LLC, premieres on Friday, March 18 at the San Luis Obispo Film Festival (SLO FEST). Following in the footsteps of the groundbreaking 2009 film THE WOMEN AND THE WAVES; THE WOMEN AND THE WAVES 2 continues to explore surf culture from a feminine perspective. The film celebrates the cycle of life, friendships formed atop the water, and the importance of preserving surfing's soul, in and out of the waves.

"The launch point of inspiration to make this film came a few years ago, when my friends, [Zeuf and Ashley] who were featured in THE WOMEN AND THE WAVES each experienced pivotal moments in their lives." said producer, filmmaker and surfer, Heather Hudson. "Zeuf received her final cancer diagnosis and at the same time Ashley found out she was pregnant – it was a poignant reminder to live each day with gratitude for one another and the world we live in. And to celebrate even the smallest joys in life... I wanted to capture that on film."

Filmed over two years in California, Mexico, Central America and Hawaii, this 43-minute labor of love and laughter intersperses vibrant surfing footage with personal interviews. The film's upbeat and refreshing soundtrack features talented musicians including Tristan Prettyman, Will Gallivan, Denny Aaberg, Polo Yazaki, Sam Adams and The Shapes. Edited by Maurice Salmin, Hudson is forever grateful for the delayed flight and chance meeting at LAX on the way to Mexico, where she met the pro editor who helped her finish the project. Even the film's production speaks to the serendipity of life.

The film is dedicated to Robin Janiszeufski-Hesson “Zeuf” who passed in 2013 after a twenty-year battle with cancer. Paying homage to life’s course and Zeuf’s indestructible spirit, the film also introduces the friends and fellow surfers who continue her legacy of living life to the fullest in and out of the water. Meet six dynamic women, from 20 to 60 years old, who carry the torch of surf culture for the next generation. Jeannette Prince, Mary Bagalso, Kristy Murphy, Ashley Lloyd Thompson, Demi Boelsterli and Isabelle Radis dedicate their lives to pursuits as far and wide as teaching, nursing, art, and learning, but most importantly they serve as positive role models who give back to people and the planet.

You don’t need to surf to be swept away by the message of “THE WOMEN AND THE WAVES 2.” In the words of Zeuf, “Every year is an unbelievable gift, every day is a gift... and it is in living well that we get to celebrate each day.”

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About Graciegirl LLC:

Established in 2007, Graciegirl LLC is Heather Hudson’s film production company dedicated to documenting the female surfing experience while at the same time inspiring people to live their lives to the fullest and to appreciate the beauty in the world around us.