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Women's Coalition of St. Croix to Hosts Livestream Community Event on LUNAFEST Film Festival Date

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Let's Watch and Talk Together!



The Women's Coalition of St. Croix on Saturday afternoon will host an event on its YouTube page in lieu of a film festival it had planned for the same date, which has since been postponed to later this year because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Award-winning local filmmaker, Johanna Bermúdez Ruiz's documentary, *Forgotten in Paradise*, will be featured on WCSC's YouTube channel, wcstx during the event, which starts at 2pm. The film examines mental health services in the Territory. The film will be followed by a livestream discussion on mental health, sexual assault and other important topics for the local and global communities.

“This global health challenge is a new situation for everyone. Many of us are feeling confused. Mental health continues to impact the services we are providing. For some, home is not a safe place to be. With this event, we’re creating a virtual safe space to air a very special film and talk with the community,” said Clema S. Lewis, Executive Director of the Women’s Coalition of St. Croix (WCSC).

WCSC’s previously planned event, Women’s Coalition of St. Croix Presents the LUNAFEST Film Festival, has been postponed due to the global pandemic. “We wanted to have an event on the original film festival date - April 18, as a preview to the film festival, which will be held later in the year. We’re all in this together. This is an opportunity to share information and for the community to ask us some questions,” commented Carolyn Forno, WCSC’s Assistant Director. “Ms. Bermúdez Ruiz will talk about the making of *Forgotten in Paradise*, and a representative of the Department of Mental Health Services will join the discussion with our staff members.”

The event is free of charge. Visit the organization’s YouTube channel at youtube.com/wcstx to attend the event.