



## “STRAWS” documentary premieres at Newport Beach Film Festival

### Description

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“STRAWS” exposes the negative impact the 500 million plastic straws we use per day have in our oceans.



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**NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (April 13, 2017)** – Recent [reports](#) show that 5 trillion plastic pieces weighing over 250,000 tons are floating at sea, up to 80 percent of plastic in oceans comes from land-based sources and an estimated 5-13 million tons of plastic enter oceans each year. To educate the nation about the growing plastic pollution crisis, director, producer Linda Booker created a new documentary that exposes the negative impact of the billions of plastic straws that live in our landfills and oceans.

“[STRAWS](#),” narrated by American actor and screenwriter Tim Robbins, charts the history of straws and reveals our culture’s current obsession with single use conveniences. Throughout the documentary,

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"Before diving into the research for this project, I didn't realize something as small as a plastic straw was such a significant litter and ocean pollution problem," said Booker. "My goal for this documentary is to make people think about how small habits can add up to huge impact. Removing plastic straws is a tangible, simple change people and businesses can do that can truly help make a difference."

"STRAWS" will be showcased at the 18th annual [Newport Beach Film Festival](#) on Saturday, April 22, at 11 a.m., in Triangle 1. The film is part of the "Short Slice of Life Documentaries" program. Booker and The Last Plastic Straw Founder Jackie Nunez, who is featured in the film, will be in attendance.



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GO Deeper

The graphic consists of two lines of hand-drawn text. The top line reads "APR 20-27" in a bold, black, hand-painted font. Below it is a thick, black, horizontal brushstroke. Underneath the brushstroke, the words "GO Deeper" are written in a white, hand-painted font, with "GO" in all caps and "Deeper" in title case.

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