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AWARD-WINNING DOCUMENTARY FILM *KIFARU* TO SCREEN FOR FREE IN SHELBY

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Shelby, NC – As part of its [Common Ground](#) series, the Full Frame Documentary Film Festival will partner with the [Cleveland County Arts Council](#) and Gardner-Webb University Life of the Scholar Program to present the award-winning documentary *Kifaru*. The film follows a dedicated team of rangers in Kenya who are watching over Sudan, the world's last male northern white rhino. Rampant poaching has decimated his subspecies, yet hope remains thanks to his incredible caregivers who are set on both preventing and recovering loss. *Kifaru* was the winner of the Environmental Award and Audience Award for best feature-length documentary at the 2019 Full Frame Documentary Film Festival.

The free screening will take place on Thursday, October 24, 2019 at The Don Gibson Theatre in Shelby, NC. Doors open at 6:30 pm and the film will start at 7:00 pm. There will also be a post-film discussion with *Kifaru* producer, Andrew Harrison Brown. The screening is free and open to the public, however RSVPs are recommended and can be made on [Eventbrite](#).

In partnership with Full Frame Documentary Film Festival and local arts organizations, Common Ground is a traveling program that facilitates free documentary screenings and discussions in small towns throughout North Carolina. The inaugural Common Ground presentation was a free screening of *Won't You Be My Neighbor?* at the Joy Performance Center in Kings Mountain, NC in October 2018 and in June, we presented a free screening of *Inventing Tomorrow* at the Power House at Rocky Mount Mills in Rocky Mount, NC.

For interview opportunities or high-resolution images, contact [Chris Everett](#).

About Kifaru

Unable to roam freely because of the rampant poaching that has reduced their subspecies from thousands, Sudan, the world's only remaining male northern white rhino, his daughter Najin, and his granddaughter Fatu are under armed guard 24/7. Even at the brink of extinction, hope remains, thanks to three incredible caretakers and a host of others bent on both preventing and recovering loss. In this visually—and emotionally—beautiful film, director David Hambridge gives witness to the humane and loving caretaking of Jacob, James, and JoJo, rangers at the Ol Pejeta Conservancy in Kenya. Jacob runs and plays with Najin and Fatu. JoJo sits vigil when Sudan begins to ail. And through the gentle ministrations of a mud bath and the faint singing and words of comfort James provides Sudan, we see hope in the collective power of community, care, and understanding.

About Full Frame

The Full Frame Documentary Film Festival is an annual international event dedicated to the theatrical exhibition of nonfiction cinema. Each spring, Full Frame welcomes filmmakers and film lovers from around the world to historic downtown Durham, North Carolina, for a four-day, morning-to-midnight array of nearly 100 films, as well as discussions, panels, and Southern hospitality. Set within a few city blocks, the intimate festival landscape fosters community and conversation among filmmakers, film professionals, and the public. The 23rd annual festival will be held on April 2 – 5, 2020.

The festival is a program of the [Center for Documentary Studies](#), a nonprofit 501(c)(3), and receives support from corporate sponsors, private foundations, and individual donors whose generosity provides the foundation that makes the event possible. The Presenting Sponsor of the festival is Duke University. To learn more about the mission of Full Frame, scheduled films, festival tickets, or how to support Full Frame, visit fullframefest.org.

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