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## A Free Documentary Screening at the Korean Cultural Center



The Korean Cultural Center Los Angeles is holding a screening of 'Songs of Love' and 'Words of Wisdom from the Rainbow State', two documentary films about the immigration history of Koreans in America, at the Ari Hall of the Korean Cultural Center on September 22 at 7:00 pm.

This documentary screening was planned to commemorate the 120th anniversary of Korean American Immigration, looking back on the history of Korean immigrants that began in Hawaii, and to talk about the future of peace and harmony for the next generation.

'Songs of Love' is a three-part documentary film in which world-renowned Korean musicians, including Richard Yongjae O'Neill, Kim Ji-yeon, and Iggy Jang, honor the love of Korean immigrant ancestors and sing peace for the future through music in the beautiful Hawaiian scenery. The 120-year history of immigration, expressed emotionally through photography and music, draws deep sympathy from the audience. In particular, at this screening, the 2<sup>nd</sup> episode of 'Songs of Love', which has recently completed production and post-production, will be screened as a premiere, therefore expectations are high.

'Words of Wisdom from the Rainbow State' is a documentary film that realistically captures the fierce settlement of the first generation of Korean immigrants through the interviews. The 'Rainbow State' in the movie means Hawaii and it contains the meaning of creating a harmonious island where various races come together. Director of the films, Jinyoung Lee Won received the New Director Award at the 'Liberty International Film Festival' in Korea, which is focused on freedom and human rights through her first directorial film and also officially invited to the 41st Hawaii International Film Festival.

Sangwon Jung, the director of KCCLA mentioned, "The Korean community in the United States was able to grow and develop rapidly thanks to our ancestors who immigrated to Hawaii 120 years ago to build a living and diligent economic foundation. Through this documentary screening, I hope that the audience can fully feel the touching history of immigration of our ancestors, and the wisdom and love contained in it."