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FOCUS FILM FESTIVAL

exploring the complexity of the human experience



Join FOCUS Film Festival and Friends of the Arts for a film screening of **A NOT SO STILL LIFE** on Thursday, March 22, 6:30 to 9:00 PM, at the Big Room at Sierra Nevada, in Chico. **Meet the film's star, artist Ginny Ruffner**, at a QA following the show. 6:30 to 7:00 PM live jazz with Robert Karch and Sharon Demeyer. \$10.00 general admission, \$8.00 students with ID.

About the film: **A NOT SO STILL LIFE** peers into the kaleidoscopic mind of Ginny Ruffner, an artist as beloved for her magnanimous spirit as for her evolving "visual thought experiments." The film explores the full span of Ginny's fascinating journey, from her childhood in South Carolina to her emergence as a world-renowned artist. Meet the luminaries in her orbit including Dale Chihuly, Graham Nash, and Tom Robbins. Witness Ginny's determination to recover from the accident that nearly claimed her life, but barely even slowed her constant re-invention of the world around her. Director Karen Stanton, USA, Documentary, 82 minutes +QA www.ginnyruffner.com



Lampworked glass sculpture by Ginny Ruffner

FOCUS Film Festival explores documentary and feature films which "focus" on and examine the complexity of the human experience: culture, relationships, aging, disability, and more. The Festival features productions from a wide range of sources bringing Northstate audiences an opportunity to experience innovation, creativity, and diverse perspectives through the medium of film. FOCUS Film Festival is a project of Far Northern Regional Center. www.farnorthernrc.org/FOCUSFilmFestival

Friends of the Arts believes that in a diverse community, the arts provide a language that can connect all people. Our mission is to create a path to our cultural heritage and to the future through the arts. Friends is dedicated to advancing the arts in a way that promotes communication, education, economic development, appreciation and collaboration throughout Butte County so that we may grow creatively as a community -- one that preserves and celebrates our diverse cultural expression. www.friendsoftheartsupstate.org

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High resolution photographs available upon request.

