



## Unrest

Directed by Jennifer Brea

USA 2017

97 minutes

**Wednesday, April 5**

11:50 AM | Code UNRE05

**Thursday, April 6**

4:25 PM | Code UNRE06

Jennifer Brea was completing her Ph.D. at Harvard University when an unexplained fever of 104 degrees triggered a spiral into profound weakness and cognitive impairment. Soon she was bedridden, and nobody could help or diagnose her. So she began documenting her struggle. It was discovered she had Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, a disease derided as nonexistent or the Yuppie Flu by a sometimes fumbling medical community. Jennifer and her fiercely loyal husband Omar do not fumble. From her bed Jennifer began to organize and film a global network of fellow CFS patients. These brave and wonderful individuals challenge a world of misconception, incompetent research, and public stigma. They put a human face on a still baffling illness and attempt to light fires under doctors who long thought this was all just in their heads and hysteria. UNREST follows Jennifer and her international network as they offer support and raise awareness through education and visibility. Hers is an amazing project we cheer along to as it evolves from heartbreaking to heroic. —C.R.

**Producers**~Jennifer Brea, Lindsey Dryden, Patricia E. Gillespie **Cinematography**~Christian Laursen, Sam Heesen **Editing**~Kim Roberts, Emiliano Battista  
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**About the Director**~Jennifer Brea is an independent documentary filmmaker based in Los Angeles. She has an A.B. from Princeton University and was a Ph.D. student at Harvard University when her illness struck. She is a Sundance Fellow and has been supported by Sundance's Documentary Edit and Story Labs. **Filmography**~UNREST (2017)



## The Untold Tales of Armistead Maupin

Directed by Jennifer M. Kroot

USA 2017

90 minutes

**Friday, April 7**

11:20 AM | Code ARMS07

**Saturday, April 8**

9:50 PM | Code ARMS08

"How sexy are we gonna get here?" THE UNTOLD TALES OF ARMISTEAD MAUPIN showcases the life of the popular San Francisco writer and author who rose to fame for his entertaining yet controversial "Tales of the City" newspaper column in the *San Francisco Chronicle* in the 1970s. What later became a series of novels and a PBS miniseries, his fictional articles gradually incorporated gay and transgendered storylines to give the growing LGBT community of San Francisco characters to whom they could relate. The film features candid talks with Maupin about intimate details of his life including his revolutionary writing, conservative Southern roots, steamy sexual encounters, and ongoing love affair with his husband and the city of San Francisco, then and now. Notable celebrities such as actors Laura Linney and Sir Ian McKellen, comedian Margaret Cho, and author Amy Tan weigh in with their personal accounts of how Maupin and his body of work have made a lasting impression on their lives and the world. —A.B.

**Producers**~Gerry Kim, Mayuran Tiruchelvam, Jennifer M. Kroot **Cinematography**~Shane King **Editing**~Bill Weber

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**About the Director**~Jennifer M. Kroot is a director, producer, and writer. She was born in San Francisco, California and studied at the San Francisco Art Institute.

**Filmography**~"Sirens of the 23rd Century" (2003), "It Came from Kuchar" (2009), "To Be Takei" (2014)—38th CIFF, THE UNTOLD TALES OF ARMISTEAD MAUPIN (2017)

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