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Controversial film strikes a chord in the heart of America at the Kansas City Film Festival

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Proponents want to open horse slaughter plants in MO, and across the U.S., claiming it would be “good for the economy”, but “just how good is it,” asks filmmaker Katia Louise. **SAVING AMERICA’S HORSES A NATION BETRAYED** examines the controversial issue of horse “processing” and “gathering” with first hand testimony from both sides of the fence. “We found that communities where horse slaughter plants once operated in the U.S. have been devastated by the industry’s negative economic and environmental impacts, and the public deserves to know the un-whitewashed truth,” adds Louise.

The Kansas City screens premiere will take place on [Sunday, April 15th at 2:45PM](#) at the **Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art**. A special Q&A will follow with international award winning filmmaker, Katia Louise. Cast and speakers to appear for this historic event include Paula Bacon, former mayor of Kaufman, TX. Bacon speaks from firsthand experience dealing with over 30 years of environmental violations, increased crime rates and economic devastation caused by the foreign owned plant that once operated in her community.



This landmark documentary is an intelligent and hard hitting exposé that reveals how the public has been misled by government agencies and corporate interests that run over the laws that are supposed to protect the horses and the environment. Proponents say that it’s “the humane thing to do,” but cruelty investigators and equine welfare professionals point to a disturbing history of egregious cruelty violations in the U.S. Former Chief USDA Inspector Dr Lester Friedlander will also be on hand during the Q&A. [SAVING AMERICA’S HORSES](#) masterfully illustrates how USDA veterinarians are pressured by slaughterhouses to overlook violations to the cruelty laws, “...so they can make more money,” adds Friedlander.

SAVING AMERICA’S HORSES A NATION BETRAYED will screen as an official selection in the **AMC Theatres Kansas City Film Festival** as part of the US/International, Documentary Jubilee Showcase. Tickets are available on line by visiting [The Kansas City FilmFest](#). Over 5000 movie goers are expected to converge at the KC FilmFest where **SAVING**

AMERICA'S HORSES will be putting this issue front & center. [A PSA from SAVING AMERICA'S HORSES](#) will additionally screen at the top of every movie in the festival.

SAVING AMERICA'S HORSES additionally features celebrity appearances by Paul Sorvino, Tippi Hedren, Linda Gray, Willie Nelson, Chief Arvol Looking Horse, the Barbi Twins, Ken Wahl and more. Experts from the equine industry include Hall of Fame Thoroughbred racehorse trainer Nick Zito, World Renowned Wild Horse and Thoroughbred Trainer Monty Roberts, plus appearances by expert veterinarians Nicholas Dodman, Nena Winand, Elliott Katz and more.

SAVING AMERICA'S HORSES - NATION BETRAYED is geared for the conscience consumer and suitable for all audiences. The film is targeted for public release later this year.

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