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## World Premiere of “Mata Hari –The Naked Spy” on Feb. 9 at Santa Fe Film Festival

*Join this premiere of a film that celebrates the power we have to re-invent our own lives.*

Corte Madera, CA – January 23, 2018 – The Santa Fe Film Festival will host the world premiere of the documentary “Mata Hari – The Naked Spy” at the Center for Contemporary Art at 7:00 pm on Friday, Feb. 9, 2018.

100 years ago, Mata Hari faced the firing squad as a convicted German spy. Newly discovered documents cast doubt on her guilt and reveal startling truths about her life. She was an independent woman whose boldness and sexuality threatened the male establishment.

View the Trailer for the film: <https://vimeo.com/235759318>



Mata Hari struggled as an abused wife and mother before escaping her husband and finding a way to survive on her own. She refused to be a victim and rose above the traumas of her early life. Bucking the conservative conventions of her time, Mata Hari re-invented herself as an exotic dancer, courtesan and socialite. “With the **#Me Too** wave that has swept the country, we have to ask what has changed in the 100 years since Mata Hari? The answer is not nearly as much as we would hope,” said Susan Wolf, Director. “Mata Hari was seeking sexual freedom, artistic expression and the right to control her own life -things that women today still strive for. In the end she paid dearly, with her life.”

Mata Hari ran away to Paris, and burlesque star, Dita Von Teese, commented that “Paris has always and will always been a place that has loved entertainment, has loved glamour, showgirls, . . . Paris is one of those cities that has always and will always accept women like me and like Mata Hari.”

Marijke Huisman, Dr., Associate Professor of History at Utrecht University, Netherlands sums it up, “Mata Hari’s lasting legacy is the idea that you are not bound by the life you are born into, you can choose your own biography, you can chase after your dreams, you can become whatever you want. She is the ultimate self-made woman.”

Directors Susan Wolf and Machiel Amorison, and actress/dancer Florence Rapati will be present for a Q&A after the screening

<http://santafefilmfestival.com/index/film/mata-hari-the-naked-spy>

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