



**The Junior League of Long Beach Presents
The 2016 LUNAFEST® Film Festival
Women in Entertainment Q & A Interview Series**

***The “Together We Can Change The World” Campaign Features
Inspirational Insights From Women Working in the Entertainment Industry***

May 12, 2016 (Long Beach, Calif.) In connection with its recent 5th Annual LUNAFEST event, a film festival highlighting women filmmakers, the Junior League of Long Beach (JLLB) has created the 2016 LUNAFEST Film Festival Women in Entertainment Q & A Interview Series. In the series, JLLB members who are making a difference in their community interview women who are making a difference in their area of the entertainment industry.

"Real women are making a real difference in the world, whether it's in the nonprofit arena, or in the entertainment industry, or in any other place where there is constructive change," said **Elizabeth McCann**, President of the Junior League of Long Beach. "It starts with a positive attitude, a new idea, a friendly gesture. Then from there, in the spirit of our Q & A Interview Series, together we can all change the world."

The seven interviewees — a studio animation producer, two filmmakers, a film commissioner, book author, sign language interpreter, and stage rentals sales manager — discuss what it's like to work in the industry, who inspires them, and what advice they have for women (as well as men) starting out in the industry.

In their responses, the women offer many useful words of advice as well as a wealth of inspirational sentiments, such as: **Karen** – “What is more exciting than creatively tackling the impossible and succeeding?”; **Tasha** – “Set your goals and go after those goals. Don't stop until you have achieved them!”; and **Noela** – “Go do the thing you think you cannot do... Get rid of those fears! Take a leap of faith. You will rise to the occasion; you will succeed.”

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Two of the seven interviews were filmed. The video shoot took place in March at Thunder Studios in Long Beach, with JLLB President **Elizabeth McCann** interviewing **Jacqueline Carroll**, who is the Head of Sales at Thunder Studios, and JLLB Sustainer **Janice Merriweather** interviewing **Jann Goldsby**, an American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter whose work includes industry projects. The videos offer both inspirational insights and a behind-the-scenes look at what it's like to work at a production studio and on the set of a TV show.

The music for the videos was selected for its upbeat feel and connection to the theme of the series. The titles of the music tracks, which are listed at the end of the videos, are "Together We Can" and "Change The World." The videos are posted on the Junior League of Long Beach 2016 YouTube channel (link below).

The interview participants are:

- DreamWorks Animation producer **Karen Foster**
- Filmmaker **Sarah Feeley** (*Raising Ryland*)
- Filmmaker **Anna Schumacher** (*Finding June*)
- Long Beach Film Commissioner **Tasha Day**
- **Noela Hueso**, author of *The Art of The Croods* and Media Relations Manager at UCLA's School of Theater, Film and Television
- **Jann Goldsby**, an American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter who works on the set of the TV show *Switched at Birth*
- **Jacqueline Carroll**, Head of Sales at Thunder Studios

The other five JLLB interviewers are **Ashley Hopkins**, LUNAFEST Event Chair; **Summer Smith**, LUNAFEST Event Chair-Elect; **Alexandra Weiss**, Fund Development Vice President; **Ashleigh Ruhl**, Community Vice President; and **Paula Barrow**, Advocacy Chair.

The Junior League of Long Beach's 5th Annual LUNAFEST Film Festival event was held on Sunday, April 10 at the Art Theatre in Long Beach. The event featured the screening of six short films made by, for, and about women, including **Sarah's Raising Ryland** and **Anna's Finding June**. Both filmmakers also participated in a post-screening Q & A panel that was moderated by JLLB President-Elect **Virginia Zart**. More than \$41,000 was raised at the event and proceeds benefited the Junior League of Long Beach and The Breast Cancer Fund. <https://www.jllb.org/support/lunafest/>

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TheConfidencePost.com, where all seven Q & A interviews are posted, is a JLLB-powered blog that was created for parents, educators, friends, and community leaders in support of children and young adults with the slogan, “All Things Self-Esteem, Confidence, and Character-Building.”

The Junior League of Long Beach is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Now in its 85th year, the Junior League of Long Beach has been instrumental in launching more than 60 projects and programs into the greater Long Beach community. For more information, to become a sponsor, make a donation, or to become a member, visit www.jllb.org.

As a member of the Association of Junior Leagues International Inc. (AJLI), the Junior League of Long Beach joins over 290 other communities throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Great Britain. AJLI's member leagues encompass more than 155,000 members worldwide. www.ajli.org

Several JLLB members worked on the interview series project. They include **Rachael Rifkin** (PR/Content Creation), **Lety Martinez** (Social Media/Distribution), and **Meghan Guggenheim** (Website Management).

For more information about the LUNAFEST Film Festival Women in Entertainment Q & A Interview Series, please contact **Lynda Miller**, JLLB Public Relations Chair, at lrnadvisor@gmail.com or <https://www.linkedin.com/in/lyndamiller1>.

Q & A Interview Series Links

- Junior League of Long Beach 2016 YouTube Channel with Q & A Videos: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeAsqnL4vyJZTxzJm6jMUVg>
- Interviews on The Confidence Post: www.theconfidencepost.com

Karen Foster:	Posted March 25, 2016
Sarah Feeley:	Posted March 29, 2016
Anna Schumacher:	Posted March 31, 2016
Tasha Day:	Posted April 7, 2016
Noela Hueso:	Posted April 14, 2016
Jann Goldsby:	Posted April 22, 2016
Jacqueline Carroll:	Posted April 29, 2016

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