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## Windrider Film Forum Bay Area Closing Feature *STEP* to Include Q&A with Director and Film Subjects

*Film to be presented Saturday July 8th*

**Atherton, CA, June 30, 2017** -- Windrider Bay Area Film Forum announced its closing feature film *STEP*, screening July 8 at The Center for Performing Arts at Menlo-Atherton, will feature a Q&A with director Amanda Lipitz and film subjects following the screening. Windrider Bay Area Director Terri Bullock says “we are thrilled to be presenting this inspiring and powerful film on our closing evening. We are also extremely excited to be hosting Blessin, Cori, and Tayla along with filmmaker Amanda Lipitz and Director of College Counseling Paula Dofat for our film Q&A. We know their courage and stories will win hearts.”

Tickets are on sale now for immediate purchase at [windriderbayarea.org/tickets/](http://windriderbayarea.org/tickets/).



According to *Variety Magazine*, *STEP* is “a crowdpleasing winner from Broadway producer and first-time feature helmer Amanda Lipitz that has what it takes to appeal across generations and emerge as one of the year’s prime doc attractions.”

*STEP* is the true-life story of a girls’ high-school step team set against the background of the heart of Baltimore. These young women learn to laugh, love and thrive – on and off the stage – even when the world seems to work against them. Empowered by their teachers, teammates, counselors, coaches and families, they chase their ultimate dreams: to win a step championship and to be accepted into college.

This all female school is reshaping the futures of its students' lives by making it their goal to have every member of their senior class accepted to and graduate from college, many of whom will be the first in their family to do so. Deeply insightful and emotionally inspiring, *STEP* embodies the true meaning of sisterhood through a story of courageous young women worth cheering for.

Filmmaker Amanda Lipitz, step team members Blessin Giraldo, Cori Grainger, and Tayla Solomon, and Director of College Counseling Paula Dofat will be joining us for a Q&A following the film.

*STEP* world premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in 2017 to sold out screenings where it won the Special Jury Prize for Inspirational Filmmaking and was acquired for worldwide distribution by Fox Searchlight Pictures. The film will open in select theaters on August 4.

## **EVENT DETAILS**

Saturday, July 8, 2017 7 pm

The Center for the Performing Arts at Menlo-Atherton  
555 Middlefield Road, Atherton, CA 94027  
[windriderbayarea.org](http://windriderbayarea.org)

Tickets:

\$15 general admission; \$10 student admission

On sale in advance at [windriderbayarea.org](http://windriderbayarea.org) and in person at the door

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