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Tacoma Sister Cities Council



City of Tacoma Vision:

Tacoma is a livable and progressive  
**INTERNATIONAL** city, regarded for the  
richness of its diverse population and its  
natural setting.

**Since 1959, Tacoma Sister Cities is the  
single most active and sustainable  
international link the City of Tacoma has  
had with the World.**



- Tacoma Sister Cities develops programs in culture, arts, tourism, global education, government relations and international business.
- As Citizen Diplomats, we promote **peace** through mutual respect, understanding and cooperation.



How much do **YOU** know about Tacoma Sister Cities?



2020

## 2019

### INCOMING DELEGATION VISITS

5 Countries 60 people

### OUTGOING DELEGATIONS

8 Countries 65 people

### TSC COUNCIL FUNDS DISPERSED TO COMMITTEES FOR PROJECTS

\$13,185

## 2020-21

### INCOMING DELEGATIONS

0 countries 0 people

### OUTGOING DELEGATIONS

2 Countries 20 people

### HUMANITARIAN/EDUCATION PROJECTS

Ambulance to Ukraine \$20,000  
 Tacoma Teacher to Cuba \$5,000  
 Heritage Work in Croatia \$3,500  
 10 Students from Gunsan, Korea \$0

Earthquake relief \$500  
 Pandemic relief \$1,200



### Sister Cities International 2020 Annual Awards

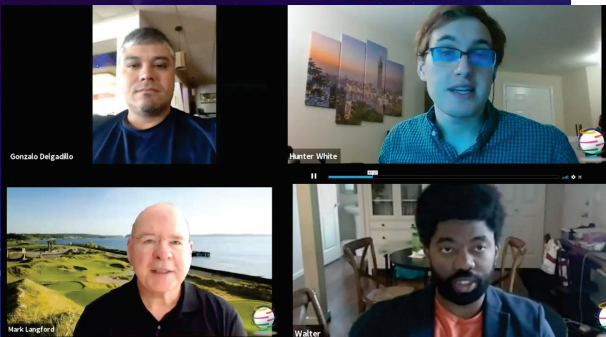
In 2020, Tacoma Sister Cities was awarded the Best Overall Program for a city of its size.



**Innovation in  
Humanitarian Assistance**

### Tacoma, Washington

for donating an ambulance to their sister city of Bovary, Ukraine



## FUNDING FOR TACOMA SISTER CITIES COUNCIL (501c3)

2019 (12 months)	
City of Tacoma Contract	\$50,000
Sponsorship(Film Festival):	\$14,000
Grants:	\$7,400
Foundations:	\$5,000
Film Festival:	\$9,000

INDEPENDENT FUNDRAISING  
BY COMMITTEES  
\$34,450

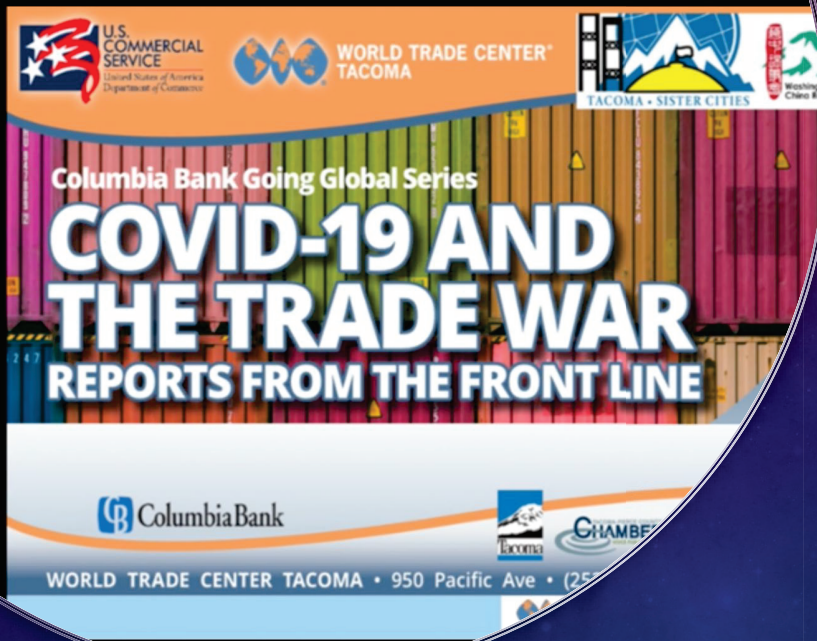
TOTAL:\$119,850

2020-2021 (17 months)	
City of Tacoma Contract	\$16,000
Sponsorship:	\$2,000
Grants (received):	\$25,500
(Grants pledged:	\$17,500)
Foundations:	\$3,000
Film Festival:	\$2,700

INDEPENDENT FUNDRAISING  
BY COMMITTEES  
\$3,000

TOTAL: \$52,200

INCL. PLEDGED AMOUNTS: \$69,700



## PARTNERSHIPS



# APCC Holiday Cooking

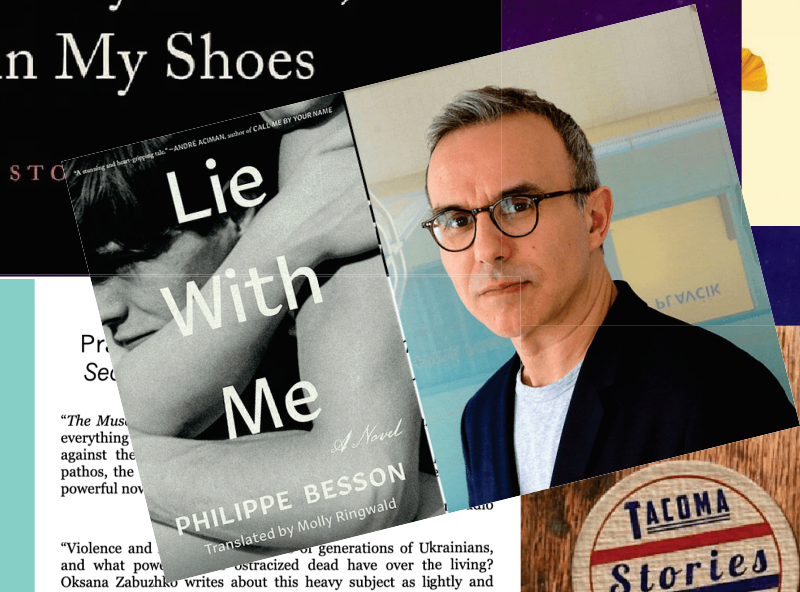


Food  
is a Core  
Value



# Ashes in My Mouth, Sand in My Shoes

# HUMAN ACTS



[tacomasistercities.org/book-club/](http://tacomasistercities.org/book-club/)

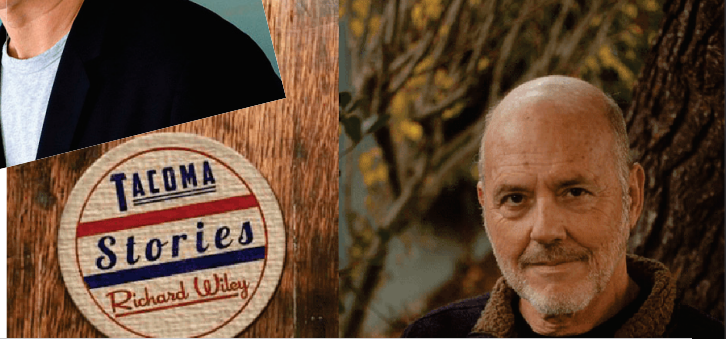


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"The Mus...  
everything  
against the  
pathos, the  
powerful no

"Violence and...  
and what pow...  
ostracized dead have over the living?  
Oksana Zabuzhko writes about this heavy subject as lightly and  
freshly as the main female character talks."  
—WDR

"This book is a spectacular intellectual success. It is driven by the



# We Read Some Great Books Together

## REALIZING EQUITY IN TACOMA



## HOW WE GOT HERE

A History of Institutional Racism in  
Tacoma, Washington State and the United States



## GREATER TACOMA PEACE PRIZE

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE  
At the Globe in Thea's Park



## REIMAGINING CITIZEN DIPLOMACY

New Connections in a Virtual World  
Sister Cities International  
2020 Annual Conference

**TACOMA SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL 2020**  
 18th ANNUAL  
 9 Films | 5 Days  
 Friday, March 27—31  
 Blue Mouse  
**CLOSING GALA** at Tin Can Alley  
 April 18, 2020 | 5:30-9:00 PM 2620 E  
 https://

**WE MISSED YOU!**



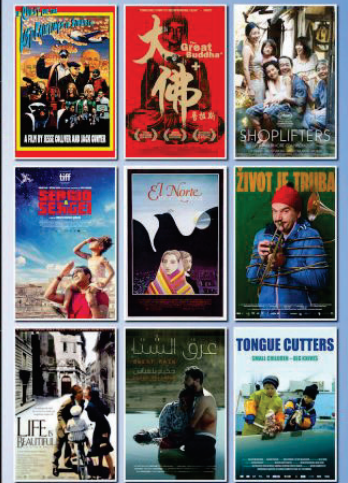
**TACOMA SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL -2021-**

**EVENT DATES: April 19-25**

Each ticket allows you to view the film at your leisure at anytime between the dates of April 19th to April 25th. (Geoblocking may apply, please check the film's description for full details.)



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!



FOR TICKETS & MORE INFO

[www.tacomasisistercities.org/film-festival/](http://www.tacomasisistercities.org/film-festival/)

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**in the beginning**

**Origin Stories from Tacoma's Sister Cities Around the World**

Tacoma Sister Cities brings you folk stories from our sister countries around the world to challenge your imagination and possibly answer some questions.

# SUN + MOON FIRE + FLOOD

## FOLK STORIES FROM TACOMA'S SISTER COUNTRIES

Online Event

Saturday, June 26, 2021, 3:00 – 4:00 pm

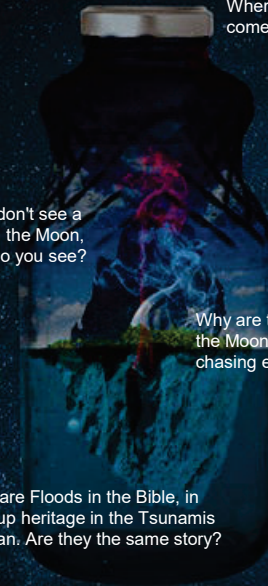


If you don't see a Man in the Moon, what do you see?

Where did Fire come from?

Why are the Sun and the Moon always chasing each other?

There are Floods in the Bible, in Puyallup heritage in the Tsunamis of Japan. Are they the same story?



# TACOMA'S SISTER CITIES

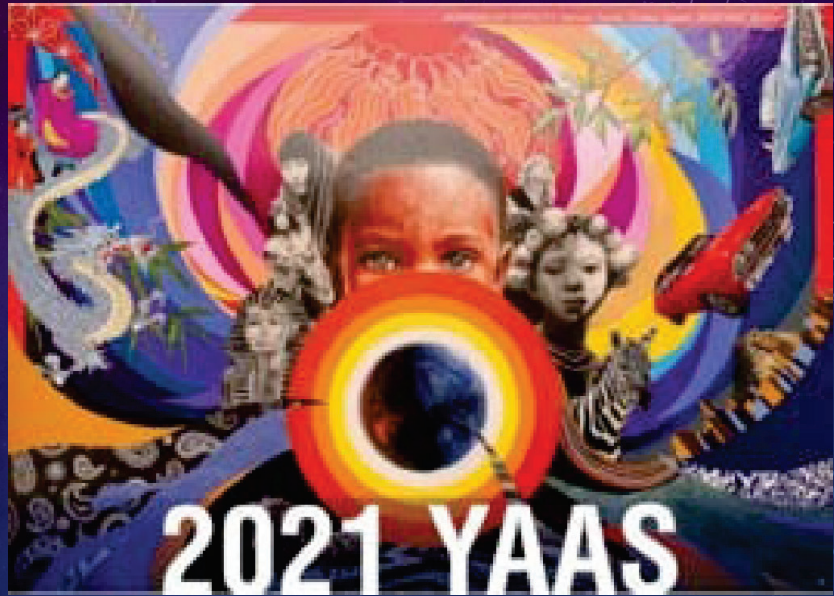
A VIRTUAL TOUR  
NOVEMBER 12TH AT 8PM



# "United in Hope"

2021 YAAS AWARDS

Youth  
Artists and  
Authors  
Showcase



Youth Artists and Authors Showcase 2021

6/15/2021

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## A Love Letter to Tacoma

I love Tacoma  
And I have no idea why  
Maybe it's the weather  
No it's not that  
The sun likes to hide from us  
Giving people vitamin d deficiency  
And it's definitely not  
The crumbling sidewalks  
That won't be fixed for years after you notice it  
Or the fact that  
When you look out  
The downtown McDonalds windows  
You can see the courthouse  
It's not the train noises  
That are always on time  
Or the busses that never are  
And it's not because  
We were once home  
To a famous serial killer  
I have no idea why  
I love Tacoma  
Maybe it's because we know  
We are not perfect  
Far from it  
We aren't as famous as Seattle

Most of the time we are mistaken  
For the city we are not  
But we don't think we're better than them  
We are a broken city  
Built on the backs  
Of people we chased away  
We are the land  
Of people without homes  
Because homes are not viewed as a necessity  
But as a privilege  
So those who can't afford it  
Never will  
We are the pieces of  
A broken city  
Built by a broken society  
Why do I love Tacoma  
Because we were built from hate  
Fires from arrogance  
Spreading as fast as they can  
But water will beat fire  
And rain is never too far away  
And aggression towards others  
Has been drowned out by love  
And acceptance grows on our trees  
Beautiful and strong  
We refuse to fix ourselves  
Be stabbed by the sharp edges

Poem by Devin Williams,  
Rising Senior  
at School of the Arts, Tacoma

That make the pieces of Tacoma  
Instead we look at them  
Reflect on them  
Then heal the wounds  
They saw  
But refused to acknowledge  
Why do I love Tacoma  
Because no matter  
How much hate there is  
Tacoma's rain  
Loud and powerful  
Will never stop trying  
To wash it away

**TUESDAY, JULY 6<sup>TH</sup> 2021**  
**TACOMA RAINIERS V. RENO ACES**  
**FIRST PITCH 7:05PM • GATES OPEN 6:00 PM**

Mark your calendar! Join your Sister Cities for a night of food, fun, and baseball at Cheney Stadium!

**YOUR GROUP EXPRESS  
TICKET (\$14) INCLUDES:**

- RESERVED SEAT TICKET FOR ENTRY
- BALLPARK MEAL  
(HOTDOG, CHIPS, BOTTLED WATER)



**SISTER CITIES  
RAINIERS  
NIGHT**



**TO ORDER  
TICKETS,  
PLEASE CONTACT:**

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**Crossing Bridges:  
Tacoma's Sister Cities and Ports  
Maintaining Peace and  
Exchanging  
Culture and Trade for over 60  
years**

**Running: AUGUST –DECEMBER 2021**  
**GRAND OPENING: August 19, 2021**  
**Cultural Exhibit at**



**TACOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

406 Tacoma Ave S 11AM-4PM Wed – Sat  
Free Admission 253-472-3738



