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**DIRECTOR KULAP VILAYSACK'S DOCUMENTARY ORIGIN STORY MAKES ITS
WEST COAST PREMIERE AT CAAMFEST36**

San Francisco, CA - Director Kulap Vilaysack's riveting documentary [ORIGIN STORY](#) makes its San Francisco debut at CAAMFest36, the 36th festival showcase presented by the Center for Asian American Media (CAAM). The film is written and directed by Kulap Vilaysack (Seeso's BAJILLION DOLLAR PROPERTIES) and produced by actress June Diane Raphael (Netflix's GRACE AND FRANKIE).

When Kulap was 14, a blow-up at home led to the revelation that the man she thought was her biological father was not. There was another man, somebody from her mother's past, who once helped raise Kulap, but then vanished. Coping with that revelation was one thing. Coming to grips with why everyone — especially her mother — kept it from her was just as torturous. To disentangle the secrets, as well as the decade-long emotional paralysis between mother and daughter, Kulap embarks on a quest for answers.

Throughout this journey, viewers are taken on a wild ride that explores the devastating choices refugees often face, deep-rooted family secrets and the journey to motherhood. It is a relatable, emotional story helmed by the optimistic and vulnerable Kulap, whom you can't help but root for and want her discovery to lead to closure.

[ORIGIN STORY](#) will premiere Sunday, May 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the AMC Kabuki 8 (1881 Post St. San Francisco, CA 94115) as part of CAAMFest36. A panel following the film will feature director Kulap Vilaysack and CAAMFest's Masashi Niwano. A second screening will take place Saturday, May 19 at 2:10 p.m. at the Roxie Theater (3117 16th St. San Francisco, CA 94103) followed by a Q&A with Kulap Vilaysack and Jennifer Chu.

Origin Story Trailer: <http://vimeo.com/258562274>

Tickets are available at: <https://caamfest.com/2018/films/origin-story/>

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About CAAMFest:

CAAMFest, formerly the San Francisco International Asian American Film Festival (SFIAAFF), celebrates the world's largest showcase for new Asian American and Asian film, food, and music programs. Annually presenting over 120 works in the Bay Area, CAAMFest presents its 36th year from May 10-24, 2018. For more information, please visit <http://www.caamfest.com>.

About CAAM:

CAAM (Center for Asian American Media) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to presenting stories that convey the richness and diversity of Asian American experiences to the broadest audience possible. CAAM does this by funding, producing, distributing and exhibiting works in film, television and digital media. For more information on CAAM, please visit www.caamedia.org.