

Seattle filmmaker's documentary about *Thelma & Louise* premieres April 30th

After years of searching, a Seattle woman claims to have found Thelma and Louise alive and well. The famous best friends were last seen in 1991, sailing across the Grand Canyon in a '66 Thunderbird. Jennifer Townsend, first-time filmmaker at the age of 78, tracked down the famous friends in different parts of the United States. She found them hiding in the hearts and minds of filmgoers who saw *Thelma & Louise* 26 years ago and wrote about what the film meant to them at that time.

Over the past three years, Ms. Townsend produced and directed the feature documentary, *Catching Sight of Thelma & Louise*. Participants in the film responded to a 1991 questionnaire seeking opinions on characters, scenes and themes in the iconic *Thelma & Louise*. The responses constitute 'eye witness' reactions to the film, which was strikingly controversial in the year of its release.

The filmmaker, who was also the long-ago researcher, decided to find some of the respondents and invite them to relate their impressions on camera. The result is a powerful, provocative, film, which takes viewers on a wild ride as they follow the journey of *Thelma & Louise* through the American southwest and into cinematic history.

The World Premiere of *Catching Sight of Thelma & Louise* will be hosted by Cinema At The Edge (CATE) film festival in Santa Monica, California on April 30, 2017. <http://www.cinemaattheedge.com/> CATE offers the perfect launching pad for a film about Thelma & Louise — propelling it over the edge and out into the World.

To view the trailer, vignettes, feedback, and backstory visit the film website: <https://catchingsightof.com/>