

Films in

2026-27

TICKETS AT [SDAFF.ORG](https://sdaff.org)

Process

JAMES WICKS

PROJECT UPDATE

The poster for the film "Surfing Taiwan: Past, Present, Future" features a photograph of a rocky beach with waves crashing against the shore. A camera on a tripod is positioned in the foreground on the right. The poster has a yellow top section with the text "TICKETS AT SDAFF.ORG" and a blue bottom section with the title "SURFING TAIWAN: PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE" in yellow. Below the title, it lists the showtimes: "SUN, NOV 9 @ 2:40PM" and "FRI, NOV 14 @ 5:30PM". There are also two price tags: "UCSD PRICE" and "ULTRASTAR".

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ABOUT ME

- lifelong skateboarder & surfer who grew up in Taiwan
 - media educator who teaches filmmaking and scriptwriting
 - Ph.D. in Chinese Film Studies & has written two books on Taiwan Cinema
 - shot footage for 5 documentary projects in Taiwan in 2024
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THE JOURNEY OF A PHOTOBOOK ABOUT TAIWAN STREET CULTURE FROM INCEPTION TO PUBLICATION



TAIWAN PLANTS ARE GRAFFITI



6 mins, Summer 2027





THREE TAIWANESE SURFERS TRACE THE ALTERNATE STATES OF MIND THAT RESULT FROM SURFING

COASTAL CONSCIOUSNESS: TAITUNG, TAIWAN

8.5 mins, Summer 2026



SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN SURF THROUGHOUT LIFE'S CHALLENGES



SURFING TAIWAN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN



5.5 mins, Summer 2027





THREE SAN DIEGO PROFESSIONALS DEFY CULTURAL STEREOTYPES ABOUT SURFING IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

**COASTAL
CONSCIOUSNESS:
SAN DIEGO**

8.5 mins, Summer 2025



THREE TAIWANESE SURFERS SING TAIWAN'S SOUL ELECTRIC THROUGH THE LENS OF SURFING



SURFING TAIWAN: PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE



18 mins, Summer 2025



TAITUNG, TAIWAN STAKES ITS CLAIM AS THE WORLD'S BEST BEACH TOWN

SKATEBOARDING IN THE SKATEBOARDING CAPITAL OF THE SKATEBOARDING



5 mins, Summer 2025



INSPIRATIONS

➤ Anti-Hero Skate Videos

raw experience



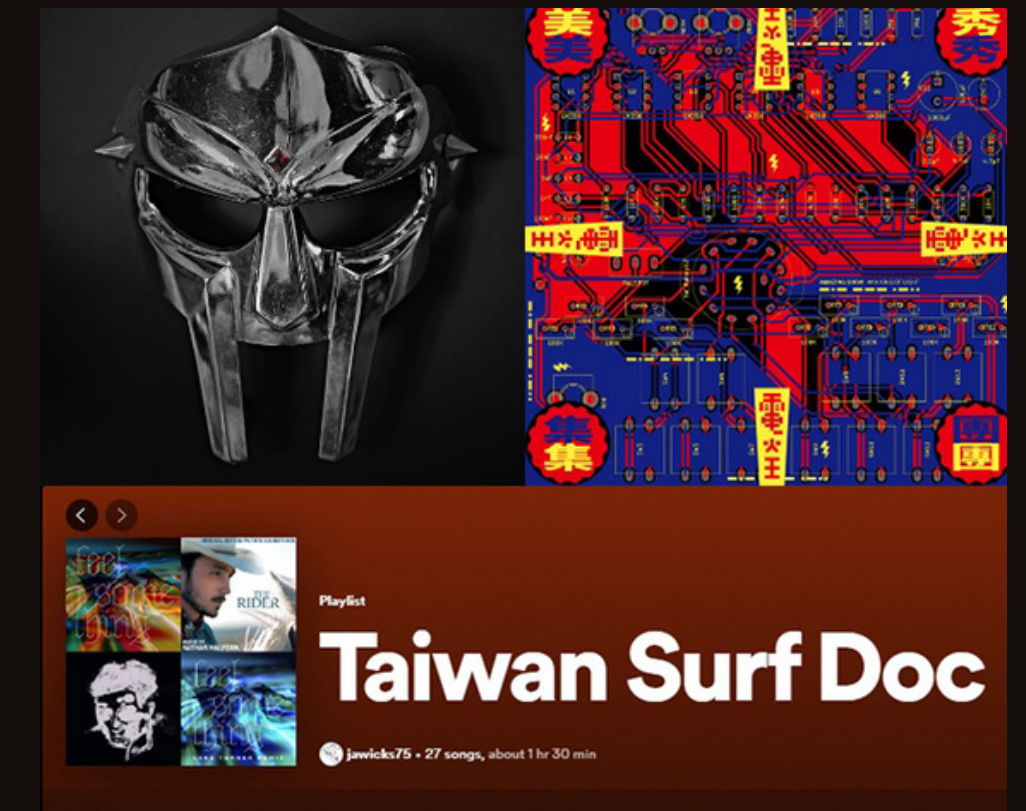
➤ Chloe Zhao's Films

stunning visuals and visceral emotion



➤ Soundscapes

MF Doom, Taiwan Indie Bands, & More...





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Thank
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