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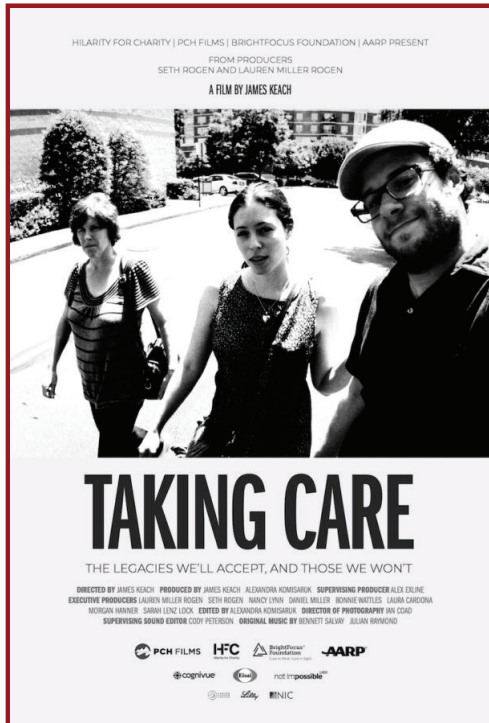


Taking Care

2:30 PM - 38 mins

Directed by
James Keach

PRODUCERS
SETH ROGEN AND
LAUREN MILLER ROGEN



Directed and produced by award-winning filmmaker James Keach, *Taking Care* is a 38-minute documentary following the journey of acclaimed filmmakers Seth Rogen and Lauren Miller Rogen as they navigate the complexities and heartbreak of Lauren's mother's advancing Alzheimer's disease. Through humor, heart, and an unwavering commitment to change, *Taking Care* imparts a message of hope, resilience, and the profound impact individuals can have when they seek solutions to society's greatest challenges.

Panelists

James Keach, is an Oscar, Golden Globe, Grammy Award-winning narrative and documentary producer, director and actor, known for *Walk the Line*, *Glen Campbell: I'll Be Me*, *Linda Ronstadt: Sound of My Voice*, *David Crosby: Remember My Name*, *Linda and the Mockingbirds*, and *The Long Riders*. James' career spans scripted television and film, to acclaimed documentary films.



Nancy Keach, is Senior Vice President, Strategic Partnerships at BrightFocus Foundation, a US 501(c)(3) that funds global research and generates public awareness to understand and treat Alzheimer's disease, macular degeneration, and glaucoma.

Scott A. Kaiser, MD, is the CEO of Determined Health, a company he co-founded with a vision for a new approach to community care—one that begins with human connection. Dr. Kaiser is a board-certified family physician and geriatrician with executive leadership experience focused on the improvement of aging services, geriatric care, and population health.



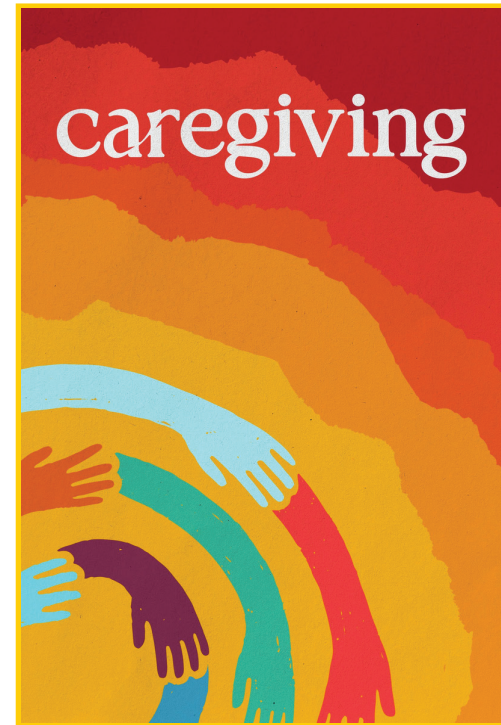
Caregiving

4:00 PM - 32 mins

Directed by
Chris Durrance

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER
BRADLEY COOPER

From Executive Producer Bradley Cooper, this is the story of paid and unpaid caregivers navigating the challenges and joys of this deeply meaningful work. Intertwining intimate personal stories with the untold history of caregiving, the documentary reveals the state and the stakes of care in America today. Narrated by Uzo Aduba (*The Residence*, *Orange is the New Black*), directed by Chris Durrance.



Panelists



Tom Chiodo, Executive Producer of the *Caregiving* Documentary, as well as Executive Producer for Special Projects in National Productions at WETA, the flagship PBS station in our nation's capital. Prior to his work with PBS, Tom has held senior positions at the Entertainment Industry Foundation, Rubenstein Assoc., and the U.S. Department of Health Human Services, Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Weston Middleton, is a writer and producer serving as Head of Film for Lea Pictures, a production company that holds a first-look deal with Warner Bros. He is currently producing *IS THIS THING ON*, directed by Bradley Cooper and starring Will Arnett and Laura Dern.



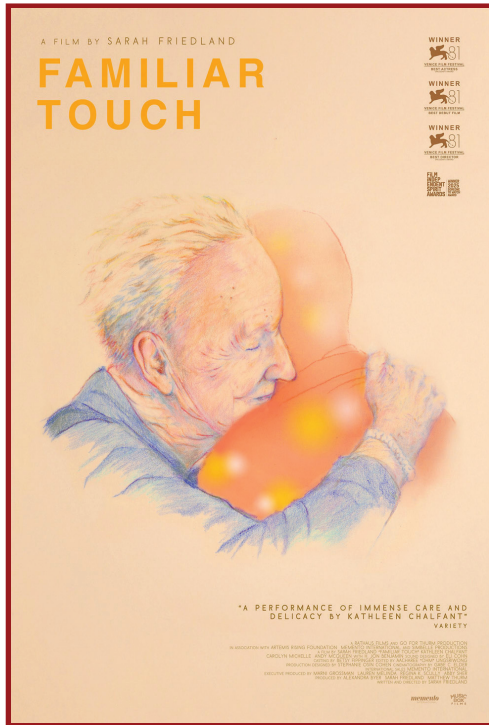
Caroline Cicero, PhD, MSW, MPL, is an Instructional Associate Professor at the USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology. For the past ten years, she's been teaching undergraduate and graduate courses, and she studies aging artists and the portrayal of aging in film and in media.

Familiar Touch

5:30 PM - 90 mins

Directed by
Sarah Friedland

PRODUCERS
SARAH FRIEDLAND
MATTHEW THURM
ALEXANDRA BYER



A sensitive coming-of-old-age film that follows an older woman's transition into assisted living as she navigates her relationship with herself, her caregivers, and her family amidst her shifting memories and desires.

Panelists

Shaun Rushforth began his senior-living career through an immersive internship at Kingsley Manor Retirement Community in Los Angeles, where USC gerontology students lived on-site while completing their master's program. He earned his Master of Science in Gerontology from the USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology (2008) and later a Master of Business Administration from West Texas A&M University.



Jon Lopez was born in Nagbukel, Ilocos Sur, Philippines. He has been working at Villa Gardens Retirement Community since 2001, serving in various roles, including Caregiver and Medical Ward Clerk in the Skilled Nursing Unit. Known for his dedication, professionalism, and compassion. Jon plays an important role in ensuring residents receive the highest quality care.



Richard "Dick" Myers is the current president of Pasadena Village, a community focused on aging well and reducing isolation among adults 55 and older. He leads discussions on the 1619 Project, and his presentation on his Navy service is featured on the organization's website.



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Led by Associate Professor, **Teal Eich**, PhD, the USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology's Arts and Healthy Aging Center supports research and further insight into the interplay between artistic engagement and the aging process. The Center's research efforts focus on assessing the advantages associated with active participation in the creation of art by older individuals; evaluating the benefits derived from engaging with the arts, such as listening to music and attending theater or art exhibitions; and examining the representation of older individuals within artistic and media portrayals.

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