

Documentary profiles crusading Bay Area drummer Barbara Borden on KRCB-TV



"Keeper of the Beat: A Woman's Journey into the Heart of Drumming," a documentary about drummer Barbara Borden, airs Wednesday, March 28 on KRCB. (COURTESY PHOTO)

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From an early age Barbara Borden marched to the beat of a different drum. The female drumming pioneer grew up as the kid sister to show business performers, The Borden Twins. However, after being gifted a drum set by her sisters, Borden took to being behind a drum set rather than in front of a live studio audience.

The 2013 documentary, "Keeper of the Beat: A Woman's Journey into the Heart of Drumming" which airs on KRCB Sonoma County at 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 28, chronicles Borden's love of drumming and how music gave her courage, inspiration and the drive to find connectedness within a widening circle of communities throughout the world.

The documentary weaves footage from “She Dares to Drum,” Borden’s autobiographical “percussion play” and other dynamic performances from the last four decades to showcase her identity from a little girl in love with drumming to a pioneering woman drummer, a first-class percussionist and a world musician.

The film premiered at the 2013 Mill Valley Film Festival, where it was honored with a rare third screening and awarded Runner-up for the Audience Award for Best Documentary.

Filmed on four continents, the documentary is produced and directed by three-time Emmy-Award winner, David L. Brown.

“Barbara’s message of hope, love, positivity, joy, gratitude and keeping the beat of all these positive values to be deeply inspiring,” Brown said. “It’s an especially resonant message for these challenging times.”