

## An award-winning documentary on the power of empathic listening

Running Time: 80 minutes

Theatrical Release: Fall 2019 / Winter 2020



### Synopsis

It is no secret that we live in extremely polarizing times, with hot-button political issues weaving their way into the fabric of every aspect of our lives and culture. Amidst all the noise, we all want to make sure our voice is heard. But how often do we stop to listen?

"List(e)n" invites people with opposing viewpoints on some of our most divisive issues – guns, abortion and immigration – to listen to each other. The documentary features participants whose personal lives deeply intertwine with the topics, including one of the survivors of the Parkland, FL school shooting. As the exchanges unfold, and the participants take the time to get to know each other, moments of unexpected emotional connection and understanding arise.

The film toured the country at respected film festivals - including the 37th edition of the Miami Film Festival - and has been a recipient of multiple industry accolades, including a humanitarian award. Described by festival programmers as "a knockout" and by viewers as "riveting, moving and timely", the 80-minute documentary is wise to the ways we sometimes hate that which we don't understand. It is also brave enough to ask: Can we at least try to listen those with whom we most disagree?

[Watch List\(e\)n's Trailer](#)

### Reviews

"Your film is a knockout! In a climate where bravery is often only assigned to those who speak their viewpoints, your powerful documentary shows the bravery in listening."  
 Rodney Piatt, Programmer, Sarasota Film Festival

"List(e)n is riveting, informative, moving, and timely."  
 Osei Appiah, ph.d., Professor and Associate Director, School of Communication – The Ohio State University

"List(e)n is needed now more than ever!"  
 - Rocio Ortega, United Nations Foundation Girl Up

[More reviews and information here](#)

### Awards



### Festivals



### As featured on



At Orkidea Films we're at the intersection of filmmaking, movement-building and leadership training. Our mission is to use the power of storytelling, and our 15+ years in TV and filmmaking - to bridge worlds, ignite action and bring about change.

### About the filmmaker



Juliana Tafur is a former content executive for Discovery Networks, with 15+ years of experience in the production world (in series for Nat Geo, History, A&E, Facebook Originals & Discovery). She now runs Orkidea Films and Listen Courageously - a movement and workshop inspired by "List(e)n", to show participants that when we learn about others, and understand why they believe what they believe, the hatred dissolves. The workshop has already positively impacted hundreds of participants in more than 15 leading corporations, organizations and academic institutions in the U.S., Canada and beyond.

**Thank you for listening**