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Virginia Madsen | actress | activist | producer | mom

[Because she's not afraid to be honest]

[Because she wants YOU to vote in November]

[Because she's passionate about self-expression]

You probably recognize Virginia from her Academy Award and Golden Globe nominated performance in *Sideways*, but you may not know she's also a passionate patriot. She's joined forces with the League of Women Voters, crisscrossing the country to encourage women to vote, and promoting Vote411.org. "This year in particular is such an exciting election, and I believe the most important election of our time," says Virginia.

"There's an ongoing discussion about America and voting and the world that I haven't heard since I was a kid." Called "Self Expression Through Film," the League of Women Voters' nonpartisan program gives Virginia a chance to speak about how self-expression has impacted her life. What makes her so **skirt!**? The roles she chooses to play, her production company, Title IX—named for the legislation that prohibits sex discrimination in educational institutions ("For me, it's not a political statement, it's just me saying, 'Put me in, Coach!'")—and the films she produces, including *I Know a Woman Like That*, a documentary about women ages 64 to 94 directed by Virginia's mother, Elaine Madsen.

