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Film Dramatizes the Complexities of Terrorism *Documentary is Part of "Changing Face of San Diego" film festival*

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego Public Library will host a screening of "The War Within" during the ongoing film festival—continuing through May at the Central Library and the Malcolm X Branch Library—for the Library's *Changing Face of San Diego* program. The free film screening will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 23, in the auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego.

This searing, controversial, and thought-provoking drama examines the motives and emotions behind terrorism. Co-writer Ayad Akhtar stars as Hassan, a Pakistani man who's falsely accused of terrorist associations, then imprisoned and tortured before finally leaving jail as a genuinely militant extremist. He goes to stay with his old friend in New York, where he explores the city, flirts with his host's sister and works with a group planning to bomb Grand Central. The impressive cast of unknowns and solid direction make this tense, thoughtful drama an intriguing look at a subculture that is more often demonized than dramatized.

The Changing Face of San Diego program connects immigrants, both new and old, to the larger community with engaging activities involving books, films, theater and oral histories. The International Rescue Committee, Mo`olelo Performing Arts Company and the New Americans Immigration Museum and Learning Center are integral project partners. Funding for the project is provided in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library's Central Library and 34 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's catalog online at www.sandiegolibrary.org.

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