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**FILM SCREENING OF “SIERRA LEONE’S REFUGEE ALL STARS”
HIGHLIGHTS A BAND FORMED IN A REFUGEE CAMP**

A Three Year Journey from the Camps of Guinea to their First Studio-Recorded Album

San Diego, CA...The International Rescue Committee and the City of San Diego Public Library invite you to a film screening of the Zach Niles and Banker White documentary “Sierra Leone’s Refugee All Stars.” The film, part of the 20th Point of View (P.O.V.) documentary season, is a tableau of tragedy transformed by a band’s determination to be heard. The screening takes place at 2 p.m. on Sunday, August 12, in the auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. This event is free and open to the public.

“Sierra Leone’s Refugee All Stars” is the story of the six-member band which came together in Guinea after civil war forced them from their native country of Sierra Leone. Traumatized by physical injuries and the loss of family and community, they fight back with the only thing they were able to keep as their own—music. This reggae-inflected musical group from the camps of West Africa represents a real-life story of hope and survival.

“Sierra Leone’s Refugee All Stars” is a Diverse Voices Project co-production.

Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library’s Central Library and 34 branches, find links to numerous reference resources, or search for books, media and documents held in the Library’s collection at www.sandiegolibrary.org.

Since 1988, PBS’ “POV” series has brought the best of independent point-of-view documentaries to a national audience, featuring the work of America’s most innovative documentary filmmakers to build new communities in conversation about today’s most pressing social issues.

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