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### ***POWERFUL DOCUMENTARY SCREENED CONCERNING THE BLACK/WHITE RACIAL DIVIDE***

**SAN DIEGO** – San Diego Public and Media Arts Center, San Diego invite you to view “Traces of the Trade.” This screening takes place at 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 2, in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street, in downtown San Diego. This event is free and open to the public.

First-time filmmaker Katrina Browne makes a troubling discovery — her New England ancestors were the largest slave-trading family in U.S. history. She and nine fellow descendants decide to retrace the Triangle Trade: from their old hometown in Rhode Island to slave forts in Ghana to sugar plantation ruins in Cuba. Step-by-step, they uncover the vast extent of Northern complicity in slavery while also stumbling through the minefield of contemporary race relations. In this bicentennial year of the U.S. abolition of the slave trade, "Traces of the Trade" offers powerful new perspectives on the black/white divide. The documentary is an official selection of the 2008 Sundance Film Festival. A facilitated discussion will take place right after the screening.

This event is a collaboration with the award-winning documentary series P.O.V. ([www.pbs.org/pov](http://www.pbs.org/pov)) Since 1988, P.O.V. has brought the best of independent point-of-view documentaries to national audiences, featuring the work of America's most innovative documentary filmmakers to build new communities in conversation about today's most pressing social issues. “Traces of the Trade” is scheduled to debut on national public television June 24.

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