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AWARD-WINNING INDIE FILM “LEAF” TO BE SCREENED AT THE SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Filmmaker Tim Carr, Who Portrays Leaf, Will Attend the Event

SAN DIEGO-The San Diego Public Library and Media Arts Center San Diego will host a film showing of Tim Carr’s *LEAF* at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 3rd, in the 3rd floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. This event is **FREE** to the public.

Does anyone remember Quarterback Ryan Leaf, the highly touted first round NFL draft pick of 1998, chosen right behind Peyton Manning? Newark filmmaker Tim Carr does in this semi-biographical documentary, starring Carr as the worst first round pick in history.

The year was 1998, the San Diego Chargers grabbed Ryan Leaf as the second pick in the first round of the NFL draft and awarded him a \$12-million signing bonus, the largest ever in history for a rookie at the time. After winning his first two games, a feat unmatched by a rookie quarterback since 1983, Leaf collapsed with a dreadful loss to Kansas City and an infamous screaming match with Jay Posner, the San Diego Union Tribune sports reporter. His attitude and his inability to handle the spotlight led to his eventual downward spiral in football. At the age of 26, Ryan Leaf retired from professional football with a dismal record of 14 touchdowns and 36 interceptions.

In this semi-biographical documentary, Newark filmmaker Tim Carr writes, directs and stars as the worst first round pick in history. Carr said he had to cut so much out of the movie because it was so unbelievable and he couldn’t verify it with a second source, “truth really is stranger than fiction.” In July *LEAF* earned four awards at the Accolade Festival in Southern California, including Outstanding Feature Film.

Parking meters are free after 6:00 pm and other pay parking lots are available in the vicinity of the library.

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