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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY SCREENS *THE OATH*

An Unfolding Narrative of Osama bin Laden, 9/11, Guantanamo and the U.S. Supreme Court

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library, in partnership with Media Arts Center San Diego and PBS’ Point-of-View (POV) series, will host a preview film screening of *The Oath* directed by Laura Poitras. The film will screen on Wednesday, September 15, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the 3rd floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. This event is free and open to the public.

Filmed in Yemen and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, *The Oath* interweaves the stories of Abu Jandal, Osama bin Laden’s former bodyguard, and Salim Hamdan, a prisoner at Guantanamo facing war crimes charges. Directed by Laura Poitras (Flag Wars, POV 2003; the Oscar®-nominated My Country, My Country, POV 2006), *The Oath* unfolds via a narrative rife with plot reversals and betrayals that ultimately leads to Osama bin Laden, 9/11, Guantanamo and the U.S. Supreme Court. Winner of the 2010 Sundance Film Festival Excellence in Cinematography Award: Documentary.

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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