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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY SCREENS *REEL INJUN: ON THE TRAIL OF THE HOLLYWOOD INDIAN*

Hollywood "Indian" Stereotypes and Portrayals Explored in this Entertaining Film

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library will host a Community Cinema preview screening of *Reel Injun* directed by Cree filmmaker, Neil Diamond. The film will screen on Monday, October 18, 2010 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. Guest speaker, Dr. David Kamper will be on hand to host a question and answer discussion on the film and Native Americans in Hollywood.

Kemosabe? Loincloths, fringed pants, and feather headdresses? Heap big stereotypes. *Reel Injun* is an entertaining trip through the evolution of North American Native people ("The Indians") as portrayed in famous Hollywood movies, from the silent era to today. Jim Jarmusch, Clint Eastwood, Graham Greene, John Trudell and others provide insights into the often demeaning and occasionally hilariously absurd stereotypes perpetuated on the big screen through Hollywood's history.

Dr. David Kamper teaches Native Americans in film and is an Associate Professor in the Department of American Indian Studies at San Diego State University.

Community Cinema is affiliated with the ITVS media organization (Independent Television Service). ITVS Community Cinema is a monthly screening series that pairs independently produced documentary films with leading organizations working to resolve related social issues in communities across the country. All films featured will broadcast nationally on the Emmy Award-winning PBS series Independent Lens.

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