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PBS' Point of View (POV) Series Comes To San Diego Public Library
Sixteen Compelling Award-Winning Documentary Films Presented Free to the Community

SAN DIEGO — San Diego Public Library is proud to present Community Preview Screenings of the entire 24th season of the Emmy-winning Public Broadcast System (PBS)' Point-of-View (POV) Series documentaries at the Central Library and 8 branch libraries in June through September 2011. This new POV season offers dramatic views of a world in conflict and remarkable stories of individual tenacity, courage and inventiveness. It includes 13 new films and 3 encore presentations.

The 24th season of POV will air on PBS on Tuesdays at 10:00 p.m. from June 21 - September 27, 2011. POV is American television's longest-running independent documentary series. It is the winner of a Special Emmy Award for Excellence in Television Documentary Filmmaking, an International Documentary Association Award for Best Continuing Series, and National Association of Latino Independent Producers (NALIP)'s 2011 Award for Corporate Commitment to Diversity.

San Diego Public Library preview screenings kick off tonight, **Monday, May 23, 2011** at 6:30 p.m. with **Kings of Pastry**. This is a D. A. Pennebaker and Chris Hegedus' behind-the-scenes account of France's greatest pastry competition. It is an epic, three-day test of passion, perseverance, artistry and nerves. Other highlights including **Better This World** and **If a Tree Falls** give eye-opening, insider accounts of idealists-turned-lawbreakers and the agents who pursued them.

POV's new slate of documentaries tells of people as different as cowboys herding sheep into Montana's rugged mountains for the last time and Filipino teachers recruited from the Philippines to teach in America's urban centers. In addition, POV and the renowned oral-history project StoryCorps will team up for the second year to present everyday people's intimate conversations in five imaginative and whimsical animated shorts, on television and online.

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Also included are soldiers at war and at home, in **Armadillo**; Chinese workers caught in the largest human migration in history, in **Last Train Home**; a Colombian librarian whose books travel on hooves through inhospitable jungles, in **Biblioburro**; Finnish men unburdening themselves in a most surprising fashion, in **Steam of Life**; Russian classmates reflecting on their country’s sweeping transformations on the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Soviet Union, in **My Perestroika**; and a cunning Cambodian journalist who elicits a startling admission about the 1970s “killing fields” from the highest-ranking surviving Khmer Rouge leader, in **Enemies of the People**.

“One of the library’s strengths is providing a place for people from varying backgrounds to come together to expand their knowledge and discuss relevant issues,” says San Diego Public Library Director Deborah Barrow. “This series brings some of the most crucial national and global issues to our doorsteps. It will be exciting to have these very powerful documentary films, which have the ability to educate and entertain at the same time.”

Please find the full schedule and more information about the Library’s POV screenings on the Library’s website at www.sandiegolibrary.org. All Central Library screenings will be on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. except on Labor Day, when that week’s screening will be on Wednesday, September 7. Branch library screenings will be on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m., except for three encore presentations that are spread throughout the schedule. National PBS broadcast dates are also included in this more detailed online information.

The POV screenings are a collaboration with the award-winning documentary series POV (www.pbs.org/pov). Since 1988, PBS’ “POV” series has brought the best of independent 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.

Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library’s Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library’s catalog online at www.sandiegolibrary.gov.

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