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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY SCREENS *DEAF JAM*
You've Never Heard Anything Like This Before

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library will host a Community Cinema preview screening of *Deaf Jam*, directed by filmmaker Judy Lief, with a post-film discussion hosted by award-winning writer/ poet Reg E. Gaines. The film will screen on Monday, October 17, at 6:30 p.m. 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.

Filmmaker Judy Lief chronicles a journey of self-realization for deaf teen Aneta Brodski, as she reveals her passions, frustrations, and sense of humor through her exploration of American Sign Language Poetry. Unique among her non-hearing high school friends, Aneta longs to fully participate in the hearing world. Her artistry evolves within her ASL poetry group, and eventually she decides to compete in a spoken word poetry slam.

Reg E. Gaines is a Grammy-nominated and Tony award-winning writer/ poet/ director and actor. He has appeared on HBO's Def Poetry Jam and is the 1991 Nuyorican Grand Slam Champion.

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.

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.org.

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