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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY TO SCREEN IRANIAN FILM: *CIRCUMSTANCE*

Film Explores Youth Culture in Contemporary Iran

SAN DIEGO – The Persian Cultural Center of San Diego and the San Diego Public Library will screen the film *Circumstance* on Sunday, March 18, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. in the 3rd floor auditorium of the Central Library located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. The screening is being held in conjunction with the 2012 *One Book One San Diego* community reading program. This event is free and open to the public.

Directed by emerging Persian American filmmaker Maryam Keshavarz, *Circumstance* tells the story of a wealthy Iranian family struggling to contain a teenager's growing sexual rebellion and her brother's dangerous obsession. Atafeh and her brother, Mehran, have grown up privileged, in a home filled with music, art, and intellectual curiosity. While Atafeh dreams of fame and adventure, and she and her best friend, Shireen, explore Tehran's underground scene with youthful exuberance, her brother returns home from drug rehab, renounces his former decadent life, and replaces his once obsessive practice of classical music with more destructive pursuits. A thought-provoking, insightful look into Iranian youth culture, *Circumstance* won the Audience Award prize at the 2011 Sundance Film Festival.

One Book, One San Diego is a six-year-old partnership between KPBS and the San Diego Public Library with a mission to bring San Diegans together through an enriching, locally-relevant literary experience. The program consists of a series of author events, film screenings and book discussions from January through July. Under this year's theme, "Around the World with One Book," the program features three books: *Sky of Red Poppies* by Zoe Ghahremani, *Moloka'i* by Alan Brennert, and *Into the Beautiful North* by best-selling author Luis Alberto Urrea. It is made possible by the following funders: Linden Root Dickinson Foundation, Lloyd Pest Control, the Samuel I. and John Henry Fox Foundation and Cubic Corporation.

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