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San Diego Public Library to Screen Documentary Film “Negroes With Guns: Rob Williams and Black Power” on Jan. 8

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego Public Library, in partnership with the Association of Independent Video and Filmmakers, will screen the documentary film “Negroes with Guns: Rob Williams and Black Power.” This film was an official selection at the Big Sky Film Festival and won best feature audience award at both the Detroit Docs and the UrbanWorld film festivals .The screening will take place Sunday, Jan. 8 at 2 p.m. in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego.

Robert F. Williams was the forefather of the Black Power movement and broke dramatic new ground by internationalizing the African American struggle. “Negroes with Guns” is not only an electrifying look at a historically erased leader, but also provides a thought-provoking examination of Black radicalism and resistance and serves as a launching pad for the study of Black liberation philosophies. Insightful interviews with historian Clayborn Carson, biographer Timothy Tyson, Julian Bond, and a first person account by Mabel Williams, Robert’s wife, bring the story to life.

Tyson, a professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, said, “Robert F. Williams was bold, electrifying, brilliant and iconoclastic, one of the most significant and revealing race rebels of the generation that toppled Jim Crow, created a new Black sense of self, and changed the arc of our nation's history. This film, like Williams himself, is an American original — and a classic.”

For more information, call the Central Library at 619-236-5800 or visit the Library on the City’s Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

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