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Library to Screen “No More Tears Sister” on June 18 at Central Library *Voted a Top Ten Audience Pick at 2005 Hot Docs International Documentary Film Festival*

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego Public Library and P.O.V. will screen “No More Tears Sister” on Sunday, June 18 at 2 p.m. in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego.

In “No More Tears Sister,” Sri Lanka’s violent ethnic struggles are very much at the foreground of Rajani Thiranagama’s life story. The outspoken Tamil revolutionary and renowned human rights activist was slain 15 years ago at the age of 35 because she refused to keep quiet. Fifteen years after Rajani’s death, her charismatic older sister Nirmala – a former Tamil militant and political prisoner – returns to Sri Lanka and breaks her long silence about Rajani’s passionate life and brutal slaying. Joining her are Rajani’s husband, sisters and grown daughters, as well as fellow activists forced underground.

Through filmmaker Helene Klodawsky's evocatively interwoven, archival footage, poetic recreations and intimate correspondences, “No More Tears Sister” transcends the immediate political specificity of the Tamil conflict in Sri Lanka to create a broader portrait of the human toll of colonialism, civil war and ethnic conflict that contribute to a population of victims.

Contrasting Rajani’s ill-fated plight in returning to her native land in order to work toward breaking the cycle of violence with the guilt and demoralized melancholia of her exiled family, what emerges is a tragic, cautionary tale of idealism without action, nationalism without inclusion and revolution without conscience.

Though set in Sri Lanka, Rajani’s story has parallels in postcolonial societies around the world. She was part of a generation of political activists of the 1960s and ’70s who dreamed of radically transforming their societies. “No More Tears Sister” delves into rarely explored themes – revolutionary women and their dangerous pursuit of justice. This documentary recounts her dramatic story, exposing the high price that this revolutionary woman paid for her pursuit of justice.

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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Since 1988, P.O.V. has brought the best of independent point-of-view 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. “No More Tears Sister” is scheduled to debut on national public television on June 27.