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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY SCREENS “ORFEU” *Activity Celebrates 50th Anniversary of Beloved International Film*

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library will host a film screening of *Orfeu* in conjunction with events celebrating the 50th anniversary of the film *Black Orpheus*. The free event will take place at 2:00 p.m. on October 4, 2009 in the 3rd floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego.

Orfeu is legendary Brazilian director Carlos Diegues’ 1999 recasting of the Orpheus myth, set in the shanty-towns of Rio de Janeiro during its annual Carnival celebration. Considered by some to be a more updated and gritty version of *Black Orpheus*, which made musicians Antonio Carlos Jobim and Luis Bonfá international stars, the music for this film’s soundtrack was produced by Caetano Veloso. Thousands, including Veloso, turned out to attend a free screening of *Orfeu* in Rio’s favela Vicario Geral in 1999, marking the first time a major new-release was shown in the neighborhood.

The 50th anniversary celebration of *Black Orpheus* will continue with an October 7 book discussion of *The Einstein Intersection*, science fiction luminary Samuel Delany’s award-winning novel that was reputedly inspired by the classic Oscar-winning film.

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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