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Library to Screen Documentary Film “Hardwood” on Aug. 31 *An Episode of “Race: The Power of an Illusion” will be Shown Also*

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego Public Library will screen the documentary film “Hardwood,” by Hubert Davis, on Wednesday, Aug. 31 at 6:30 p.m. in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego. In addition, an episode of PBS series “Race: The Power of an Illusion” will also be shown.

The Academy Award-nominated “Hardwood” is a deeply personal film journey by director Hubert Davis, the son of former Harlem Globetrotter Mel Davis. Mel, now a coach for young basketball players in Vancouver, Canada, recalls falling in love at first sight with Hubert’s mother, a white woman, at a time when racism seemed to make their union impossible. Despite their emotional bond – still resonating more than 20 years later – Mel chose to marry a black woman, with whom he also had a son.

The filmmaker unites both sides of his family, speaking movingly about the complex web of love, betrayal and family ties that bind them all in this Academy Award-nominated film. Through personal interviews, archival footage and home movies, Davis delves into his father’s past in the hope of finding his own future. The 30-minute “Hardwood” is part of Public Broadcasting’s POV series of films.

“The House We Live In,” an episode of PBS’ series “Race: The Power of an Illusion,” will also be shown. It’s the first film about race to focus not on individual attitudes and behavior, but on the ways our institutions and policies advantage some groups at the expense of others.

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/>.

**Since 1988 POV 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. A national PBS premiere of this documentary is slated for Aug. 16 at 10 p.m. Check local listings.*

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