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### **One-Man Play about Labor Leader Harry Bridges to be Performed as Part of Library's "California Labor History" Exhibition**

**SAN DIEGO** – In conjunction with the City of San Diego Public Library's "California Labor History" exhibition, actor Ian Ruskin will perform the one-man play "From Wharf Rats to Lord of the Docks" on April 2 at 1 p.m. in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, 820 E St. in downtown San Diego. Written by Ruskin, the play follows the true story of labor leader Harry Bridges, who founded the International Longshore and Warehouse Union. A question and answer session will follow. The event is free.

Ruskin, founder of the Harry Bridges Project, is a graduate of the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London and has worked extensively in theater, television and film. The American Federation of Teachers will host a reception immediately following the program.

The "California's Labor History" panel exhibition combines reproductions of artwork, historic photographs and text that explore 11 crucial events in the state's labor history. The exhibition is presented by the City of San Diego Public Library, California State Library and the California Exhibition Resources Alliance through April 11. The exhibit will be displayed in the Second Floor Corridor Gallery at the Central Library. Admission is free. The first week in April has been declared "California Labor History Week" by the state Legislature.

The Central Library is open Monday and Wednesday, noon to 8 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. 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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