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**The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum
presents a screening of the documentary film
CROSSING WATERS
-- about immigration and Poughkeepsie, New York's First Ward --
Friday, October 28, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
Henry A. Wallace Center at the
FDR Presidential Library and Home**

HYDE PARK, NY -- The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum is pleased to present a screening of the documentary film *CROSSING WATERS* -- about immigration and Poughkeepsie's First Ward. The screening will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 28, 2016 in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home. This event is free and open to the public.

CROSSING WATERS uses archival sources and interviews with current residents of Poughkeepsie, New York, to chronicle the arrival of Irish and Italian immigrants in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, their cultural and economic struggles to gain a toehold in a city they have since helped build, and the musings of their descendants who now feel pushed out of the neighborhood where they were once scorned as invaders. Filmmaker Jane Watson looks at the past history of reactionary nativism in order to shine a light on current debates regarding immigrants and refugees in the United States. This award-winning film won Best Short Documentary at the Mexico International Film Festival earlier this year.

CROSSING WATERS producer Jane Watson will be available to discuss the making of the film and take questions from the audience following the screening.

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