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**The Pare Lorentz Film Center at the
Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library presents:
FOR A BETTER AMERICA: THE NEW DEAL ON FILM
A Two-Day Documentary Film Festival**

HYDE PARK, NY -- The Pare Lorentz Film Center at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum is teaming up with the Charles Guggenheim Center for the Documentary Film at the National Archives to present a two-day documentary film festival, *For a Better America: The New Deal on Film*. The festival will take place on Saturday, September 27 and Sunday, September 28 in the Milstein Auditorium of the Henry A. Wallace Center at FDR Presidential Library and Home. Each day following the film festival attendees will be invited to view the Library's latest special exhibition, "Action, and Action Now": *FDR's First 100 Days*. This program is free and open to the public.

For a Better America: The New Deal on Film features U.S. Government-produced films from the motion picture holdings of the National Archives related to the Depression era and the New Deal. The films are grouped into three themed viewing sessions: **Urban Life and Culture, The Projects, and The Land and Environment**. Each viewing session is followed by a moderated discussion of the films.

Schedule:

Urban Life and Culture

Saturday, September 27

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Moderator: Tom Nastick, Producer, Public Programs, The Center for the National Archives Experience, National Archives and Records Administration.

The Road is Open Again (1933, 5 minutes.);
Hands (1934, silent, 5 minutes);
Dawn Strikes the Capitol Dome (1936, 10 minutes);
We Work Again (1937, 16 minutes);
The Fight for Life (1940, 70 minutes).

The Projects

Saturday, September 27
1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Moderator: Tom Nastick, Producer, Public Programs, The Center for the National Archives Experience, National Archives and Records Administration.

Work Pays America (1936, 36 minutes);
The City (1939, 33 minutes);
Valley of the Tennessee (released in 1944, 30 minutes);
The Columbia (released in 1949, 30 minutes).

The Land and Environment

Sunday, September 28
1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Moderator: Roger Panetta, Visiting Professor of History, Fordham University; Curator, Hudson River Collection, University Libraries.

The Plow that Broke the Plains (1936, 29 minutes);
The River (1937, 32 minutes);
Power and the Land (1940, 39 minutes);
The Land (released in 1942, 45 minutes).

Please contact Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745 or email clifford.laube@nara.gov with questions about the program.

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum is dedicated to preserving historical material and providing innovative educational programs, community events, and public outreach. It is one of twelve presidential libraries administered by the National Archives and Records Administration. For information about the FDR Presidential Library call (800) 337-8474 or visit www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu.

The Charles Guggenheim Center for the Documentary Film at the National Archives was established in 2004 in honor of four-time Oscar®-winner and past president of the Foundation for the National Archives Charles Guggenheim. The Center's mission is to advance public understanding of the process, challenges, and social impact of documentary filmmaking and to promote the education of young people and professionals. The Center is both a living legacy of an internationally acclaimed producer and director and an extension of America's premier resource for documentary film research.

Historic Hyde Park is a group of government and private non-profit organizations based in Hyde Park, New York. Each has a unique mission, but all are united in their dedication to extending the legacy of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt to new generations. HHP includes the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site, Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site, the Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill, the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, and Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site. For more information about HHP visit www.HistoricHydePark.org.