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**Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library
Presents a PBS *American Experience* Film Preview
The 1930s: The Civilian Conservation Corps
With Academy Award-nominated Director Robert Stone**

HYDE PARK, NY -- The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum is pleased to present a PBS *American Experience* film preview of *The 1930s: The Civilian Conservation Corps*, from Academy Award-nominated director and Rhinebeck, New York resident Robert Stone (*Earth Days*, *Guerrilla*). The preview will be held at the Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Education Center on Friday, October 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Following the hour-long film, Mr. Stone will speak about his experience making the movie and take questions from the audience. This is a free public event. **Seating is first-come, first-served.**

The Civilian Conservation Corps -- one of a five-part series about the 1930s in America - - is a one-hour film about one of the boldest and most popular New Deal experiments, and a pivotal moment in the emergence of modern environmentalism and federal unemployment relief. Between 1933 and 1942, three million Americans between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five served in Franklin Roosevelt's Tree Army, the Civilian Conservation Corps, in 2,650 camps across all forty-eight states as well as the territories of Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Today in their late eighties and nineties, Corps veterans tell stories as diverse as the projects they worked on: planting more than two billion trees, slowing soil erosion on forty million acres of farmland, developing 800 state parks, and constructing 10,000 small reservoirs, 46,000 bridges,

13,000 miles of hiking trails, and nearly one million miles of fence. The film will premiere Monday, November 2 on PBS.

Robert Stone is a multi-award-winning, Oscar and Emmy-nominated documentary filmmaker. Born in England, he grew up in both Europe and America graduating with a degree in history from the University of Wisconsin/Madison. Multi-tasking as a producer, director, writer, editor and sometimes cameraman, he has over the last 20 years developed a steady international reputation with a range of unique and critically acclaimed feature-documentaries about American history, pop-culture and the mass media. He gained considerable recognition for his first film, *Radio Bikini* and his more recent work includes *Guerrilla: The Taking of Patty Hearst*, *Oswald's Ghost* (for which *Entertainment Weekly* cited Stone as one of our most important documentary filmmakers), and *Earth Days*, a history of the modern environmental movement currently in theaters.

Television's most-watched history series, *American Experience* has been hailed as "peerless" (Wall Street Journal), "the most consistently enriching program on television" (Chicago Tribune), and "a beacon of intelligence and purpose" (Houston Chronicle). On air and online, the series brings to life the incredible characters and epic stories that have shaped America's past and present. Acclaimed by viewers and critics alike, *American Experience* documentaries have been honored with every major broadcast award, including twenty-four Emmy Awards, four duPont-Columbia Awards, and fourteen George Foster Peabody Awards, one most recently for *Two Days in October*.

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

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 thirteen presidential libraries administered by the

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