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**Pare Lorentz Film Center at the
Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library presents**

*United Nations Association Film Festival:
Eleanor Roosevelt and the Sixtieth Anniversary
of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights*

March 13 and 14, 2009

HYDE PARK, NY -- The Pare Lorentz Film Center at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library, in association with the United Nations Association Film Festival (UNAFF), will present a two-day traveling documentary film festival in the Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Education Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home on March 13 and 14, 2009. *United Nations Association Film Festival: Eleanor Roosevelt and the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights* is sponsored by Historic Hyde Park in honor of Eleanor Roosevelt's role in the United Nations' 1948 proclamation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This is a free public event. Seating is first-come, first-served.

The film festival opens on the evening of March 13, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Wallace Center. Two documentary films will be screened:

Bride Kidnapping in Kyrgyzstan

Afghanistan Unveiled

(For film descriptions visit www.unaff.org)

Dr. Cathy Collins, Manager of the Women's Institute at Omega, Omega Institute for Holistic Studies, Rhinebeck, New York and former executive director of the Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill, will moderate the Friday evening screenings. A reception for attendees will follow in the lobby of Wallace Center.

On Saturday, March 14, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. five films will be screened:

In the Tall Grass

The Digital Dump: Exporting High-Tech Re-use and Abuse to Africa

Beyond Iraq

Tsunami Generation

True Whispers

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Jasmina Bojic, Founder and Executive Director of United Nations Association Film Festival will moderate the Saturday afternoon screenings.

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

Conceived in 1998 at Stanford University by film critic and educator Jasmina Bojic in conjunction with the fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the **United Nations Association Film Festival** (UNAFF) screens documentaries by international filmmakers dealing with topics such as human rights, environmental survival, women's issues, children, refugee protection, homelessness, racism, disease control, universal education, war and peace. By bringing together filmmakers, the academic community and the general public, the UNAFF offers a unique opportunity for creative exchange and education among groups and individuals often separated by geography, ethnicity and economic constraints. For more information about the UNAFF visit www.unaff.org.

The Pare Lorentz Film Center's mission is to apply audiovisual techniques to teaching the history the Roosevelt era. Located at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, the center is funded by the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute through a generous grant from the New York Community Trust. Pare Lorentz (1905-1902) created groundbreaking documentary films—a powerful synthesis of stunning imagery, poetic narration, and evocative music—for the U.S. Resettlement Administration, the U.S.D.A. Farm Service Administration, and the U.S. Film Service. For more information visit www.parelorentzfilmcenter.org.

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.

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