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The Pare Lorentz Center at the FDR Presidential Library presents a Film Screening of the 1970 Academy Award winning film TORA! TORA! TORA! in commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

HYDE PARK, NY -- In commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor the Pare Lorentz Center at the FDR Presidential Library will host a film screening of the 1970 Academy Award winning film TORA! TORA! TORA! at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7, 2011. The program will be held in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home. This event is free and open to the public.

Billed as “the most spectacular film ever made,” TORA! TORA! TORA! is a dramatic reenactment of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 as told from both American and Japanese perspectives. The film was directed by Richard Fleischer (Soylent Green) -- with Japanese sequences by Kinji Fukasaku and Toshio Masuda -- and starred Martin Balsam (All The President’s Men), James Whitmore (The Shawshank Redemption), Jason Robards (All The President’s Men) and Joseph Cotton (The Third Man, Citizen Kane). TORA! TORA! TORA! received the 1970 Academy Award for Best Special Effects and was nominated for four more Academy Awards including Best Art Direction, Best Cinematography, Best Editing and Best Sound.

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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 National Archives and Records Administration. For information about the FDR Presidential Library call (800) 337-8474 or visit www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu.

The Pare Lorentz Center’s mission is to apply the audiovisual techniques pioneered by Pare Lorentz to teach history and social studies, and to perpetuate Lorentz’s use of the documentary format in inspiring social and political messages. Located at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, the center is funded through a generous grant from the New York Community Trust to the Roosevelt Institute. Pare Lorentz created groundbreaking documentary films -- a powerful synthesis of stunning imagery, poetic narration, and evocative music -- for New Deal agencies of the Roosevelt Administration. The Pare Lorentz Center creates and disseminates educational documentary materials and films to teach the history of the Age of Roosevelt and illustrate the enduring social issues (poverty, social equality and conservation) that President Roosevelt and Pare Lorentz cared so much about. Visit www.parelorentzcenter.org for more information.

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