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WEDNESDAY AT SILVERDOCS:

**SILVERDOCS PRESENTS "DOCS RX: A WORLD OF
DOCUMENTARIES ON GLOBAL HEALTH" SPOTLIGHT EVENT**

World Premiere of THE BLOOD OF YINGZHOU DISTRICT

NBC'S TODAY SHOW Co-Anchor Ann Curry To Introduce

Silver Spring, Maryland, June 14, 2006—SILVERDOCS: AFI/Discovery Channel Documentary Festival presents the World Premiere of **THE BLOOD OF YINGZHOU DISTRICT** by Ruby Yang at 7:00 p.m. on June 14 at the AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center. The screening is a spotlight event for the DOCS Rx program that showcases films and inspires discussions that illuminate complex issues in public health using the best of cinematic storytelling.

In the film, little is known about the main character, Gau Jun, not even his age. He does not speak a word until the closing minutes of the film, yet the AIDS orphan's search for a home to call his own forms the dramatic center of this stunning documentary set in rural China.

The program opens with a video message from **Jimmy Carter**, Honorary Chair of SILVERDOC's RX program, 39th President, Founder of the Carter Center and 2002 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate. TODAY SHOW co-anchor **Ann Curry** will introduce the evening. Following the screening, Former US Assistant Surgeon General and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health **Susan Blumenthal**, MD MPH talks with **Nils Daulaire**, MD MPH, President and CEO Global Health Council; **Thomas Lennon** and **Ruby Yang**, The China Media AIDS Project and THE BLOOD OF YINGZHOU DISTRICT, **Clifford Lane**, MD, Clinical Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, (NIAID); **Jack Valenti**, President, Friends of The Global Fight Against AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, Former President, MPAA; and **Frank O. Richards**, MD, Technical Director for the River Blindness Program, Lymphatic Filariasis Elimination Program and Schistosomiasis Control Program, The Carter Center.

WHAT: SILVERDOCS Presents THE BLOOD OF YINGZHOU DISTRICT

WHO: **Ruby Yang**, Director
Thomas Lennon, Producer
Ann Curry, Co-Anchor, The TODAY SHOW
Susan Blumenthal, Former Assistant US Surgeon General
Nils Daulaire, Global Health Council
Clifford Lane, NIAID
Jack Valenti, Friends of the Global Fight Against AIDS
Frank O. Richards, The Carter Center

WHEN: Wednesday, June 14, 2005
7:00 p.m. Film
8:05 p.m. Panel Discussion

WHERE: AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center
8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, MD

Space is limited for the film screening and Q&A. Media wishing to attend this event should RSVP to Jody Arlington at jarlington@AFI.com.

Other Highlights on Wednesday, June 14 at SILVERDOCS:

5:00 p.m. Celebrated photographer **Sally Mann** will appear for a post-screening discussion at the DC Premiere of WHAT REMAINS with director **Steven Cantor** and Corcoran photo curator, **Phillip Brookman**. The film follows her over a five-year-span as she embarks on her latest photographic exploration.

6:00 p.m. Filmmaker **Ian Inaba** and film subject Representative **Cynthia McKinney** discuss the DC Premiere of AMERICAN BLACKOUT examining the 2000 and 2004 presidential elections and the suppression of African-American votes.

7:15 p.m. Directors **Heidi Ewing** and **Rachel Grady** present the DC Premiere of JESUS CAMP, a summer camp where fervent evangelical devotion drives daily life.

8:30 p.m. Filmmaker **Amy Nicholson** presents the DC Premiere of MUSKRAT LOVELY about the annual Miss Outdoors Pageant and National Outdoor Show which gives locals in Golden Hill, Maryland a chance to reminisce about the importance of community, tradition, and the town's unofficial mascot, the muskrat.

9:00 p.m. Director **Brett Rapkin** and film Subject **Bill "Spaceman" Lee** discuss the World Premiere of SPACEMAN: A BASEBALL ODYSSEY about the blacklisted Red Sox pitcher who delighted fans and sportswriters with his brilliant left-handed pitch and his unexpectedly cerebral musings on existentialism and the curveball.

9:30 p.m. Filmmaker **Susan Dynner** and film subjects NOFX frontman **Fat Mike**, Bad Religion and former Minor Threat guitarist **Brian Baker** and other DC punk rock scenesters discuss the World Premiere of PUNK'S NOT DEAD, which explores whether the original underground, do-it-yourself punk spirit clashes with today's mainstream efforts to co-opt the movement for mass consumer culture.

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