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***THURSDAY AT SILVERDOCS:***

**SILVERDOCS HONORS MARTIN SCORSESE AT THIRD ANNUAL CHARLES  
GUGGENHEIM SYMPOSIUM**

**INDIE AUTEUR JIM JARMUSCH INTERVIEWS SCORSESE ABOUT HIS WORK**

**WALK OF FAME STAR UNVEILED IN FRONT OF THEATRE PRIOR TO SCREENING**

**Silver Spring, Maryland, June 15, 2006**—SILVERDOCS: AFI/Discovery Channel Documentary Festival commemorates the legacy of four-time Academy Award-winner and Washington-area filmmaker Charles Guggenheim at the Charles Guggenheim Symposium at 7:00 p.m at the AFI Silver Theatre. This year, the Symposium celebrates the legendary Martin Scorsese, one of America's most distinguished filmmakers and a master of the documentary form. The evening will include selections from Scorsese's documentary oeuvre such as *MARTIN SCORSESE PRESENTS: THE BLUES*; *ITALIANAMERICAN*; *NO DIRECTION HOME: BOB DYLAN*; and *IL MIO VIAGGIO IN ITALIA*, and an onstage dialogue between **Martin Scorsese** and independent filmmaker **Jim Jarmusch**.

An outdoor screening of *THE LAST WALTZ*, Scorsese's landmark music documentary on 'The Band,' which brilliantly captures the group's final performance after sixteen years on the road together, will follow the dialogue. The film features a Who's Who of '70s musical legends: Bob Dylan, Joni Mitchell, Neil Young, and more. A Walk of Fame Star for Martin Scorsese inlaid in the sidewalk in front of the theatre will be unveiled during the red carpet walk. Stars will eventually be laid for all former AFI Life Achievement recipients. Scorsese received the AFI Life Achievement Award in 1997.

**WHAT:** Guggenheim Symposium

**WHO:** **Martin Scorsese**, Director  
**Jim Jarmusch**, Director  
**Jean Picker Firstenberg**, CEO American Film Institute  
**Judith McHale**, President & CEO, Discovery Communications  
**Donald A. Baer**, Senior Executive VP, Discovery Communications  
**Patricia Finneran**, Festival Director, SILVERDOCS

**WHEN:** Thursday, June 15, 2005  
6:15 p.m. Red Carpet/AFI Walk of Fame Star unveiled  
7:30 p.m. Film  
8:30 p.m. Panel Discussion  
9:00 p.m. Gala Reception at Discovery  
9:00 p.m. Outdoor screening THE LAST WALTZ

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

Space is limited for the film screening, Q&A and reception. Not all media can be accommodated. Media wishing to attend this event should RSVP to Jody Arlington at [jarlington@AFI.com](mailto:jarlington@AFI.com).

### **Other Highlights on Thursday, June 15 at SILVERDOCS:**

**11:00 a.m. Frank Piasecki Poulsen** presents the US Premiere of GUERILLA GIRL where 21-year-old Isabel leaves friends and family behind for life as a fighter in the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Columbia (FARC).

**1:30 p.m.** Directors **Daniel Cross** and **Mila Aung-Thwin** and film Subject **George Sapounidis** discuss the US Premiere of CHAIRMAN GEORGE, which follows the Greek-Canadian statistician who is passionate about singing in Chinese and determined to perform at the Olympics. Chairman George performs live.

**1:30 p.m.** South African filmmaker **Francois Verster** presents the US Premiere of THE MOTHERS' HOUSE: while growing up in Cape Flats, teenager Miche Moses lives on the edge between poverty and opportunity, joy and anger, violence and love—pulled between her mother and grandmother.

**2:30 p.m.** Former Vice President **Al Gore** delivers the keynote address for SILVERDOCS' International Documentary Conference exploring "The Future of Real." Note no cameras or recording devices.

**3:00 p.m.** Filmmaker **Gary Tam** explores film subject **Hugues de Montalembert** in the DC Premiere of BLACK SUN. Montalembert, blinded by two robbers who threw paint thinner in his eyes, shares his journey to foreign countries in this highly artistic, aurally sensational film.

**4:30 p.m.** Directors **Ricki Stern** and **Annie Sundberg** and film subjects **Darryl Hunt** and **Mark Rabil** discuss the DC Premiere of THE TRIALS OF DARRYL HUNT, which captures Darryl Hunt's 12-year struggle for justice, after being wrongfully convicted of rape and murder.

**5:00 p.m.** Filmmaker **Chema Rodriguez'** US Premiere of THE RAILROAD ALL STARS is a surprisingly humorous and optimistic portrayal of a group of Guatemalan prostitutes who form a soccer team to raise awareness of the violence and discrimination they face.

**9:30 p.m.** Director **Nick Bloomfield** presents the US Premiere of HIS BIG WHITE SELF which checks back in with Eugene Terreblanche, the remorseless leader of the African Nazi Party, exploring how those who violently resisted change live in South Africa today.

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