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JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL ADDED TO CALGARY'S CULTURAL CALENDAR

Calgary, Alberta - The Calgary premiere of a Filipino documentary about child convicts in a Manila jail and a view of the American invasion of Iraq from the Control Room of Al Jazeera lead off the inaugural Marda Loop Justice Film Festival, a free event organized by local residents. The festival will screen nine films from around the world.

"Going to the movies can be about more than enjoying good films," says Jenny Krabbe, the festival's founder. "These films foster awareness of injustices and indignities suffered in this world, share stories of hope and have the power to inspire, disturb and motivate people."

Through informal and panel discussions, the festival offers a forum for dialogue about change. A non-profit "village" also offers filmgoers the chance to interact with and learn more about local and international grassroots humanitarian organizations.

The festival will screen award-winning films from around the world, including from Ghana, Mexico, Sri Lanka and other countries. The films cover contentious territory about:

- Changing perceptions of disabled people,
- The grassroots movement to eliminate third world debt,
- Labour violations and environmental devastation at Mexican factories, and
- Peacekeeping operations in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The inaugural Marda Loop Justice Film Festival runs from Friday November 17 through Sunday November 19, 2006. All films will be screened in the auditorium of the First Christian Reformed Church (3818 - 14A Street SW). This is a free, non-denominational event. A full screening schedule is available at the Festival's website: www.justicefilmfestival.ca