



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: First Thursday Film Night

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at the Morris Graves Museum of Art

Thursday September 7, 2006

7-8:30pm

The Humboldt Arts Council and the Morris Graves Museum of Art (MGMA) are proud to announce a newly formed partnership with KEET-TV and Humboldt State University. Beginning September 7, 2006, from 7-8:30pm the Morris Graves Museum of Art will host a new FREE monthly event, ***First Thursday Film Night***, as part of larger project, Expression Sessions, a series of cultural and educational events for families and teachers. ***First Thursday Film Night*** is designed to provide quality film and open discussion based on PBS Point of View (POV) and Independent Lens programming. Many of these films are documentaries and deal with issues such as art, music, education, race, gender, politics and MORE! Please join us for the first screening on Thursday, September 7, 2006. The first film is "The Hobart Shakespearean".

About the film...

The Hobart Shakespearean

by Mel Stuart

Teacher Rafe Esquith has a point of view — a very strong one — about educating children of immigrants. Teaching in Los Angeles at one of the nation's largest inner-city grade schools, Hobart Elementary, Esquith leads his class of fifth graders through an uncompromising curriculum of English, mathematics, geography and literature. He inspires them with cross-country trips to learn history first-hand. And at the end of the semester, every student performs in a full-length Shakespeare play: in this case *Hamlet*, with advice from actors Ian McKellen and Michael York. Despite language barriers and poverty, these Hobart Shakespeareans move on to attend outstanding colleges, motivated by a teacher honored with a National Medal of Arts. A co-presentation with Thirteen/WNET New York. *

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For more information contact Rebecca Froehlich at (707) 442-0278 ext. 201, visit our website at www.humboldtarts.org, or visit www.pbs.org/pov.

The Morris Graves Museum of Art, located at 636 F Street, Eureka is open to the public Noon-5p.m., Thursday through Sunday. Museum admission is by donation: \$4 for adults, \$1 for seniors age 55 and older; HAC Members and children age 12 and under are admitted free. Admission is always free for everyone during each First Saturday Arts Alive!, 6-9 p.m.

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