



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: First Thursday Film Night

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Sierra Leone's Refugee All Stars

at the Morris Graves Museum of Art

Thursday August 2, 2007

7-8:30pm

Join the Humboldt Arts Council and the Morris Graves Museum of Art (MGMA) in conjunction with KEET-TV and Humboldt State University as they present **Sierra Leone's Refugee All Stars**, August 2, 2007, from 7-8:30pm the Morris Graves Museum of Art. The film will be followed by a discussion facilitated by Humboldt State University Lecturer Hermine Amoussou. This is a FREE monthly event.

If the refugee is today's tragic icon of a war-torn world, then Sierra Leone's Refugee All Stars, a reggae-inflected band born in the camps of West Africa, represents a real-life story of survival and hope. The six-member Refugee All Stars came together in Guinea after civil war forced them from their native Sierra Leone. Traumatized by physical injuries and the brutal loss of family and community, they fight back with the only means they have — music. The result, as shown in "Sierra Leone's Refugee All Stars," is a tableau of tragedy transformed by the band's inspiring determination to sing and be heard. *A Diverse Voices Project co-production... by filmmakers Zach Niles & Banker White.*

For more information visit <http://www.pbs.org/pov/pov2007/sierraleone/preview.html>.

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!

* POV and Independent Lens programming content do not necessarily reflect the views or opinions of the Humboldt Arts Council and the Morris Graves Museum of Art.

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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