

Spring 2007

# Peace & Justice Film Series

*Sponsored by the University of Montana Students for Peace & Justice and the Jeannette Rankin Peace Center*

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*THIS THURSDAY, MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>:*

## Conviction

(USA: 2006, 43 mins.)

Thursday March 8, 2007, 5:30pm & 7:30pm

Directed by Brenda Tuelson Fox

**Discussion with local Dominican Sister Doris Faber will follow each screening.**

The documentary film *Conviction* tells the story of three Dominican Sisters who took the proliferation of nuclear arms in this country personally. These women saw it as their duty, their mission, their religious calling, to break into a missile silo in Colorado, chant, pour their own blood and get jailed for their beliefs. For these sisters, bringing attention to the atrocities of nuclear weapons was a sacred act; for the government it was something much different. The women trespassed on federal property. They made a mockery of our national defense. They broke the law. The religious right labeled them fanatics, the left called them Joans of Arc, and the justice system convicted them of sabotage. *Conviction* delves head on into all of these contradictions and explores a system that would have three nuns marked as terrorists.

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*TWO WEEKS FROM NOW: MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>:*

## Zero Degrees of Separation

(Canada: 2005, 89 mins.)

Thursday March 15, 2007, 5:30pm & 7:30pm

Written & Directed by Elle Flanders

**Presentation and discussion with writer/director Elle Flanders after each screening.**

Selim and Ezra are lovers caught in the midst of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Selim is Palestinian and Ezra is Israeli. Samira and Edit met at a demonstration. They too are lovers. Samira is Palestinian, Edit is Israeli.

The documentary feature *Zero Degrees of Separation* takes viewers on a unique journey through the complex lives of Israeli and Palestinian gays and lesbians in inter-ethnic relationships. Though living on the margins of society, these couples defy the odds, existing in the midst of conflict with a gentle humanity and mutual respect.

Elle Flanders breaks with the sensationalistic media coverage of the violence in the Middle East by documenting the everyday lives of courageous, outspoken individuals as they take small steps towards peace, mutual respect and hope. Through their example, *Zero Degrees of Separation* builds bridges where only walls exist.

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### **There will be a discussion after each screening**

All of these movies are thought provoking, so please stay afterwards and share your thoughts with other members of the community. You are welcome and encouraged to come regardless of where you find yourself on the political spectrum.

Diversity of opinion leads to richer discussions and deeper understanding.



**At the UC Theater in the University of Montana's University Center, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

Take Bus 1, 8, 12 or the UM Shuttle. Free Parking after 5PM.

**All Films are Free and Open to the Public**

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