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MOVIES THAT MATTER FESTIVAL PRESENTS CAMERA JUSTITIA

Immigration policy masterclass led by Minister of Justice Hirsch Ballin

The Movies that Matter Festival will take place from 25 to 31 March in the Hague. Its main programme *Camera Justitia* sheds light on the human rights and justice theme using films about international justice and the fight against impunity. This year's edition includes seven documentaries as well as debates with prominent guests such as Agnes Jongerius and Maina Kiai. The programme is closely connected to the work of Amnesty International, the Ministry of Justice, the International Criminal Court and international tribunals in the Hague.

Camera Justitia kicks off on Friday 26 March with the Dutch premiere of the documentary *War Don Don*, and further includes a masterclass by Minister of Justice Hirsch Ballin for students from various law faculties, which will take place on Wednesday 31 March. That same evening, the Silver Butterfly will be presented for the film that portrayed an urgent human rights issue with the highest degree of expressiveness and humanity.

Masterclass by Minister of Justice Hirsch Ballin

On Wednesday 31 March, from 3 to 5 pm, Minister of Justice Hirsch Ballin, will lead a masterclass on the new immigration policy for Dutch and international students from various law faculties, which will take place in the foyer of Theater aan het Spui.

The seven documentaries in the Camera Justitia programme are:

- *Mugabe and the White African* by Lucy Bailey and Andrew Thompson sheds light on the resistance against land expropriations in Zimbabwe. After the film, which will be screened on Tuesday 30 March at 7 pm, **Netherlands Trade Union Confederation (FNV) president Agnes Jongerius, who visited Zimbabwe last summer, Peter Hermes, personal advisor of Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai, and director Lucy Bailey** will discuss the effects of the country's land reform policy.
- *War Don Don* by **Rebecca Richman Cohen** follows the controversial case against rebel leader Issa Sesay before the Special Court for Sierra Leone. After the screening, **Carel Kuyl**, editor-in-chief of Dutch news programme 'Nova' will discuss the subject with **director Rebecca Richman, Wayne Jordash, Issa Sesay's lawyer, and prosecutor Chris Santoni**. Friday 26 March, 7 pm.
- *Petition* by Zhao Liang portrays badly treated Chinese citizens who stand up to the authorities. With an introduction by Bettine Vriesekoop; Saturday 27 March, 2 pm.
- *Crude* by Joe Berlinger follows native Equadorians in their legal battle against multinational Chevron.
- The lawsuit against Kosovo's prime minister, suspected of mass murder, is the subject of *The Trial* by John Murphy and Rob O'Reilly. The film will be followed by a debate, led by publicist and Kosovo expert **Chris Keulemans**, with **Geoffrey Nice, former prosecutor in the Milosovic trial before the International Criminal Court, director Rob O'Reilly and criminologist Frederiek de Vlaming**. Saturday 27 March, 7 pm.

- After the Dutch premiere of *My Neighbor, My Killer* by Anne Aghion, a film about redemption for the genocide in Rwanda, a debate will take place about the role of truth in the process of redemption and reconciliation, with the participation of **director Anne Aghion, George Weiss from Radio La Benevolencija and lawyer and philosopher Heikelien Verriijn Stuart**. Sunday 28 March, 3.30 pm.
- *Getting Justice* by Maina Kiai is about the impunity that followed the violence during the 2008 elections in Kenya. After its screening on Saturday 27 March at 4.30 pm, **Linda Polman** (journalist and author of *De Crisiskaravaan*) will host a debate with **Kenya's prominent human rights defender Maina Kiai, Rachel Irura from the Special Court for Sierra Leone, Africa expert Stephen Ellis, and Henk-Jan Schothorst from the Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy**.

The Camera Justitia Award, also known as the Silver Butterfly, goes to the director of the film that portrays an urgent human rights issue with the highest degree of expressiveness and humanity. The jury for the Camera Justitia Award will be presided by **Minister of Justice Hirsch Ballin (president)**, and is further composed of **Anne-Marie Stordiau (Head of Communications at the Ministry of Justice), Willem van Genugten (professor of European and International Law) and Ally Derks (IDFA director)**. On Wednesday 31 March, the closing night of the Movies that Matter Festival, Minister of Justice Hirsch Ballin will present the Camera Justitia Award.

The Movies that Matter Festival features more than sixty human rights movies and documentaries, as well as a wide-ranging programme of debates, talk shows with international guests, expositions and music performances. Go to www.moviesthatmatterfestival.nl for more information.

The festival's partners include Amnesty International, Stichting DOEN, Hivos-NCDO Cultuurfonds, the city of the Hague and the Dutch Ministry of Justice. Broadcaster VARA and *Trouw* newspaper act as media sponsors.

Note for the editor

Names highlighted in bold will attend the festival. For more information, requests for interviews and trailers, please contact Amnesty / Yvette Hoogerwerf, y.hoogerwerf@amnesty.nl or +31 (0)6-49423703.

Venue: Filmhuis Den Haag at Spui 191.