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EDMONDS DIVERSITY COMMISSION ANNOUNCES FIRST-EVER DIVERSITY FILM SERIES IN EDMONDS

*Join Fellow Edmonds Residents in a Series of FREE Screenings on Third Saturdays at Noon at
the Edmonds Theater, Starting in October*

(Edmonds, WA) - The Edmonds Diversity Commission announces its inaugural Diversity Film Series, starting Saturday, October 21st at Noon at the Edmonds Theater, 415 Main Street.

The Series will feature FREE screenings of poignant, insightful and topical films on themes related to diversity, inclusion and equity on third Saturdays at Noon from October to April (except December).

Kicking off the Series in October will be the screening of *Somewhere Between*, a chronicle of the lives of four Chinese girls adopted by American families and their coming-of-age struggles as they find themselves “somewhere between” typical American teenagers and natives of a far-off land that is both familiar, yet alien to them.

November will bring the movie *Swim Team*, the story of a competitive boys swim team formed to recruit diverse teens on the autism spectrum who otherwise are shunned by conventional swim clubs. It’s a moving quest for inclusion and independence.

In January the Series will feature *A Stray*, the moving story of a teenage Somali refugee who struggles to make his way in America while still rooted in the traditional ways of his family,

society and religion – all the while crossing paths with a stray dog who befriends him yet challenges his traditional sensibilities.

February will see the screening of *Off and Running*, an intimate and earnest view of the life a Avery, an African-American teenage girl, adopted into a multiracial family led by a Jewish lesbian couple in Brooklyn. With gnawing curiosity about her birth mother and her place in society, Avery questions who she is and struggles with personal crisis.

The March screening will feature *Mi Vida Dentro* (My Life Inside), the story of a controversial court case in Texas in which a young Mexican undocumented immigrant, Rosa, taken in by a family to care for their baby, is falsely accused of killing the youngster when he suddenly dies. The film chronicles the harrowing trial, the unjust verdict, and her time in jail.

The final film in the Series, in April, will be in *Out in America*, featuring stories of both prominent American LGBT figures and ordinary people from the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities.

“We are thrilled to have put together Edmonds’ first-ever Diversity Film Series starting this Fall,” stated Diversity Commission Co-Chair Ed Dorame, “which will feature an impressive line-up of films that touch upon issues related to many of the struggles and triumphs of diverse people in our society. We look forward to a full house at each screening in the Edmonds Theater and hope attendees will take away new, thought-provoking perspectives.”

Again, screenings are FREE so make sure to arrive 15 to 20 minutes in advance of each noontime showing to guarantee your seat.

For more information, including a full synopsis of each film and to view trailers, please visit diversity.edmondswa.gov.

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