

FREE FILM SERIES!

More Powerful than War, PART 2



If war is not the answer, what is?

Are there approaches more powerful than war? Join us for a series of three films that will spark thoughtful discussion of war and its alternatives. How do we find paths to peace?

Films will be shown at 7:30 pm and will be followed by moderated discussion.

FRIENDS SCHOOL

Lower School Assembly Room

5114 N. Charles Street • Baltimore, Maryland

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Wednesday, Sept. 22 **Independent Media In a Time of War**

Part critique, part call-to-action, "Independent Media In a Time of War" consists of a talk by "Democracy Now!" host Amy Goodman, illustrated by mainstream media news reports juxtaposed with rare footage of independent reports in Iraq. "Independent media has a crucial responsibility to go where the silence is," says Goodman, "to represent diverse voices of people engaged in dissent." She makes a compelling argument that the commercial news media have failed to represent the "true face of war." 29 min., 2004; produced by Hudson Mohawk Independent Media Center.

Outfoxed (segments)

This documentary examines how media empires, especially Rupert Murdoch's Fox News, have been running a "race to the bottom" in TV news. Former Fox employees talk about how they were forced to push a "right-wing" point of view or risk their jobs. Segments selected for this evening suggest actions individuals can take to push for truly fair and balanced reporting. 10 min segments; 2004; produced and directed by Robert Greenwald.

Wednesday, Sept. 29 **Preventive Warriors**

A documentary about the National Security Strategy (NSS) that the White House released in September 2002. The NSS lays out a plan for preventive warfare in which the US government reserves the right to attack any nation that aspires to be what the government perceives to be a potential military rival or threat. Through interviews with commentators and policy shapers from diverse points of view, the film explores the theoretical and practical underpinnings of a document that encapsulates the current direction of US foreign policy and its goals, origins and potential consequences. 59 min., 2004; produced and directed by Michael Burns.

Wednesday, Oct. 6 **A Force More Powerful: Chile**

In 1983, Chilean workers initiated nonviolent protests against the military dictatorship of Gen. Augusto Pinochet. Severe repression failed to stop the protests, and violent opposition failed to dislodge the dictatorship—until the democratic opposition organized to defeat Pinochet in a 1988 referendum. Sen. John McCain called the book on which the film is based "well-written, moving... I recommend it to anyone who believes that power only flows from the barrel of a gun." 29 min., 2000. Co-production for PBS by York Zimmerman Inc. & WETA, Washington, DC. Written & produced by Steve York.

Turning Conflict into Cooperation

This film from Baltimore's Community Conferencing Center shows how a community in conflict over rowdy kids in the street reached a solution that led to the creation of an organized football league in Patterson Park. 15 min., 2002; produced by Lauren Abramson & the Community Conferencing Center.

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