

MUMIA ABU-JAMAL FIRST INTERNATIONALIST FILM FESTIVAL
VICTORIA THEATER – 2961 16TH St. (btw. Mission & Capp) S.F. www.victoriatheatre.org

FRI, APRIL 23 – 7:00pm *AMANDLA! A REVOLUTION IN FOUR-PART HARMONY* Tells the story of black South African freedom music and the central role it played against apartheid. The first film to specifically consider the music that sustained and galvanized black South Africans for more than 40 years, *Amandla!*'s focus is on the struggle's spiritual dimension, as articulated and embodied in song. Named for the Xhosa word for "power", *Amandla!* Lives up to this title, telling an uplifting story of human courage, resolve and triumph.

PLUS *WE SHALL BEND, BUT WE WILL NEVER BREAK* A work in progress by Pacifica reporter and documentarian Kevin Pena depicting the effects of U.S. policy in Haiti and the determination of the Haitian people to fulfill the 200-year struggle for national sovereignty and social justice.

SAT, APRIL 24 – 12:00pm *VOICE OF THE VOICELESS* Like spoken word in motion, local activist/director Tanya Cuevas Martinez' beautifully crafted work tells the story of Mumia the activist from death row and the hip-hop community he has inspired including notable artists and activists Michael Franti, Dead Prez, Mos Def, Gil Scott Heron et al. **FOLLOWED BY MARCH AND RALLY – 2:30 pm @16th & Mission**

SAT, APRIL 24 – 7:00pm *THE FOURTH WORLD WAR* Depicts the variety and breadth of global resistance to the New World Disorder from Chiapas to South Korea, and many countries and movements in between. "A powerful radical cry from the frontlines of the war on people, this film captures the spirit of resistance: it is as beautiful and global as humanity itself." Featuring Michael Franti and Suheir Hammad and music by Manu Chao, Asian Dub Foundation, Ozomatli, Mum, DJ Moosaka, DJ Splice, Muslimguaze, Gotan Project and EOSS A Big Noise Film

SAT, APRIL 24 – 9:00pm *THE REVOLUTION WILL NOT BE TELEVISED* Inside the Venezuelan Presidential Palace before during and after the U.S. financed and instigated coup of Hugo Chavez in 2002 and how the working people of Caracas defeated it and returned Chavez to power in 48 hours. Winner of over 20 awards, this film shows the power of the common people when mobilized and united.

All shows are \$5 – 20 sliding scale – Friday's program is one show, Saturday evening is two separate shows. Festival ticket \$20

FREE MUMIA! ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY!

In 1982 Mumia Abu-Jamal, a popular 28 year-old award-winning radio journalist and former Black Panther, was framed and condemned to death for the murder of Philadelphia police officer Daniel Faulkner. A political target of police surveillance, harassment, and brutality since his teenage years in the late sixties, Mumia was a perfect scapegoat to hide the real killers and motives from detection in this potentially scandalous case. At the time of Faulkner's killing, the behavior of the Philadelphia police department was so illegal and outrageous that the FBI was forced to initiate an investigation, which threatened the "good ol' boy" network within, and ended with dozens of Philadelphia policemen convicted of falsifying evidence, intimidating witnesses and corruption. From the racially motivated jury selection to judge Albert Sabo's open contempt for Mumia, and the prosecution's illegal procedures at the sentencing phase, Mumia's trial was a new low in a racist and corrupt criminal justice system. A mountain of new evidence including the recantation of key witnesses, new ballistic and forensic evidence and a confession by Arnold Beverly (who states he was hired to kill Faulkner) clearly points to Mumia's innocence. In the 22 years Mumia has been on death row, he has written 5 books and over 600 radio and print columns. He remains an astute observer and a steadfast participant in the struggles for peace and social justice. **But Mumia remains on death row, in danger of execution.**

On Dec. 18, 2001, Federal District Court Judge William H. Yohn Jr. overturned Mumia's 1982 death sentence. But Judge Yohn's 272-page ruling upheld Mumia's original murder conviction. Citing "statutory deadlines" and so-called legal precedents that "**innocence is no defense**", Judge Yohn refused to admit to the record any of the overwhelming evidence proving Mumia's innocence, including Beverly's confession. Judge Yohn, citing the infamous 1996 Anti-terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act (the precursor to today's Patriot Act) rejected virtually all of the 29 points in Mumia's federal appeal, and **Pennsylvania prosecutors are again seeking an order for his execution.**

But a 2002 U.S. Supreme Court decision in the Miller EI case appears to offer Mumia's new federal appeal legal team, headed by death penalty specialist Robert R. Bryan, important opportunities to re-raise the key issues proving innocence that have thus far been banned from the courtroom.

Global Support for Mumia includes the European Parliament, the Japanese Diet, the 1.8 million-member California Labor Federation, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees the International Longshore and Warehouse Union, the National Union of Postal Workers, the California Federation of Teachers, the San Francisco, Berkeley, East Palo Alto and Detroit Boards of Supervisors, the Episcopal Church of the United States, and millions of people around the world, including Nelson Mandela, Ossie Davis, Danny Glover, Norman Mailer, Mike Farrell, Alice Walker, Angela Davis, and the President of France, where Mumia was recently made an honorary citizen of Paris. Amnesty International's 2000 report on Mumia's case states: "Justice would best be served by the granting of a new trial" where all the suppressed evidence of innocence could be properly considered.

We, Mumia's supporters, believe that his freedom and very life depend on the willingness of fair-minded people the world over to make the political price of his murder or his continued imprisonment a price too high to pay. A victory for Mumia will be a resounding victory for all prisoners and all of us who cherish civil liberties and democratic rights. A very broad, yet united social justice movement, including Mumia, stopped the execution of Kevin Cooper in Feb. 2004. Together, we have the power to win their freedom and change the course of justice in the United States.

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