

# 9500 LIBERTY

Directed by Annabel Park & Eric Byler

## LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION STEPS!

34th cleveland international film festival

march 18–28, 2010 tower city cinemas let's go.

We believe that films like the one you just saw can change the world. At the CIFF, we present these films and the accompanying FilmForums to provoke thought, inspire dialogue, and spark ideas. Now we're taking it one step further by encouraging you to take action steps to address the issues you've learned about today. Get involved! Make change happen!

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## Speak Up

- Talk to five people about the film you saw today.
- Start a conversation at the dinner table about your ethnic origin and traditions.
- Share your personal story—publish a story; blog about it; make art; talk to a friend, a class or a community group.
- Write a letter to the editor of your local paper advocating for immigration rights, or contact your elected officials encouraging them to oppose legislation that erodes the civil liberties protections provided to non-citizens. Get tips on getting your letter published, writing an effective letter, and contact information for your legislators at: [www.acluohio.org/takeaction](http://www.acluohio.org/takeaction). To submit your article to local, daily newspapers, email [forum@plaind.com](mailto:forum@plaind.com) and [vop@thebeaconjournal.com](mailto:vop@thebeaconjournal.com).

## Get Involved

- Volunteer at the International Service Center (ISC) by being part of a team that helps develop a new "international" Urban Farm on Cleveland's Westside as a way to welcome newcomers to the Cleveland community, assist with English language classes, and provide basic needs to refugees and immigrants. Or become part of a network of younger international professionals assisting with World Music Events. For these opportunities and more, contact the ISC at 216.781.4860, or visit [www.internationalservicescenter.org](http://www.internationalservicescenter.org).
- Become a card carrying member of the ACLU of Ohio. For details, go to [www.acluohio.org](http://www.acluohio.org) and click on Join Now. And sign up for the ACLU e-action alerts at [www.acluohio.org](http://www.acluohio.org) to learn about upcoming events and opportunities to take action locally.
- Become a Census Community Champion to assist in the accurate counting of families/individuals to assure that Cleveland will receive the necessary funds to assist families in need. Visit the City of Cleveland's Planning Commission at <http://planning.city.cleveland.oh.us/census2010/volunteer.php>.
- Invite the ACLU to speak in your classroom or at your next community meeting on immigration issues. Email them at [contact@acluohio.org](mailto:contact@acluohio.org).



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- Attend the International Service Center's 21st Annual Folk Festival on Sunday, July 18, 2010 at Wade Oval at University Circle. The Festival will feature dancers, singers, and musicians from the international community of Northeast Ohio, as well as specialty foods, crafts, and informational booths. For more information contact the Center at 216.781.4560.
- Consider nominating a colleague or friend for the Golden Door Award (event banquet in Sept./Oct. 2010). The award honors a person who was born in a country other than the U.S. and has made significant contributions to his/her own cultural and ethnic community, as well as to the broader community. Deadline is June 30, 2010. Contact the International Service Center for more information at 216.781.4560.

## Stay Informed

- For information regarding local immigrant services and programs, visit the International Service Center website at [www.internationalservicescenter.org](http://www.internationalservicescenter.org).
- To learn the latest news and updates from Cleveland's international community, visit the Plain Dealer's Mosaic pages at [www.cleveland.com/mosaic](http://www.cleveland.com/mosaic), or the Western Reserve Historical Society to find out about local cultural events and programs at [www.wrhs.org](http://www.wrhs.org).
- Visit the International Community Council's website, at [www.internationalcommunitycouncil.org](http://www.internationalcommunitycouncil.org), and learn more about the Summit On The State of The International Community and the There Are No Strangers Series at the Western Reserve Historical Society.
- Visit the website of the Cleveland Council on World Affairs at [www.ccwa.org](http://www.ccwa.org) or the Council of International Programs at [www.cipusa.org](http://www.cipusa.org) for information on cross-cultural issues.
- To learn more about issues facing immigrants in Ohio and pending legislation affecting immigrants, and to get additional resources, including what to do if stopped by a police officer, the rights of immigrants, and links to additional organizations advocating for immigrants, visit [www.acluohio.org](http://www.acluohio.org).
- To learn more about immigrant proceedings and services, visit Margaret W. Wong Assoc. Co., LPA at [www.imwong.com](http://www.imwong.com).

## Make a Donation

- Support the Interactive Democracy Alliance (the filmmakers' non-profit production company) created to explore the intersection between new media technology and civic engagement. Donations will go specifically towards future screenings of 9500 LIBERTY, expansion of the 9500 LIBERTY YouTube Channel, and creation and distribution of the 9500 LIBERTY educational DVD and curriculum. To make a donation visit [www.9500liberty.com](http://www.9500liberty.com) and click the Donate tab. Or send a check to Interactive Democracy Alliance, P.O. Box 10044, Silver Spring, MD 20914.
- Become a member of the International Service Center to support their efforts to provide services to refugees and immigrants with legal status in the United States. Or show your ethnic pride through their Favor a Flag program that offers a plaque in your name with your choice of international flag. Visit [www.internationalservicescenter.org](http://www.internationalservicescenter.org) and click on the Donate tab.
- Support the ACLU of Ohio Foundation. Go to [www.acluohio.org](http://www.acluohio.org) and click on Donate Now to ensure continued advocacy through litigation and education.

LET THE CIFF KNOW ABOUT THE ACTION STEPS YOU TAKE. Email us at [action@clevelandfilm.org](mailto:action@clevelandfilm.org).

