

LA Harbor International Film Festival

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Calendar Listing/Media Alert

WHO: 4th annual LA Harbor International Film Festival (LAHIFF) - April 26-29, 2007

WHAT: Closing event of the festival
The Port of Los Angeles premiere of the special edition documentary film
The Lost Village of Terminal Island (42 min.) - Directed by David Metzler

WHY: The film tells the poignant story of the hundreds of Japanese immigrants who lived in a tight-knit village behind the canneries of Fish Harbor at Terminal Island (San Pedro), California. At its peak there were nearly 3000 residents. In February of 1942, the entire community was displaced within 48 hours and these early pioneers of the Southern California fishing industry were forced out of their homes during the height of World War II, and lost everything when over 100,000 people of Japanese descent were sent to internment camps across the country. The Nisei, second generation Japanese Americans, recall their idyllic childhood days, "roasting weenies at Brighton Beach" as testimony to the unique blend of Japanese and American cultures, and the lifelong connection the survivors have to the village they call *Furusato* – Home Sweet Home.

WHEN: Sunday April 29, 2007 - 5 p.m. (doors open at 4 p.m.)
Discussion with filmmakers and Terminal Islanders to follow screening

WHERE: Warner Grand Theatre (WGT), 478 W. 6th St., historic downtown San Pedro –
The Port of Los Angeles
(The WGT is a facility of the City of Los Angeles Dept. of Cultural Affairs)

SPONSORED BY: Ponte Vista at San Pedro, Wienerschnitzel and
the Japanese American National Museum

COST: \$10 – no discounts - includes a free Wienerschnitzel hot dog (and bag of chips) from the Wiener Wagon that will be parked in front of the WGT; beverage and other refreshments available for purchase from concession stand in WGT. **Free Admission for U.S. Veterans and those currently serving in military forces as long as space permits on first come first seated basis.**

TICKETS: From April 1st online at www.warnergrand.org;
and at Williams Book Store, 443 W. 6th St., across from WGT
(At WGT box office during festival dates).

MORE: www.laharborfilmfest.com
WGT telephone (310) 549-2493; www.warnergrand.org
About the film: www.terminalisland.org