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Save The Date – Thursday, April 4

Free Screening At Duarte Performing Arts Center

Crows of the Desert: A Hero's Journey Through The Armenian Genocide

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What: ***Crows of the Desert - A Hero's Journey Through The Armenian Genocide***

(61 min, USA, 2016, Directed by Marta Houske)

Director/Producer Marta Houske, composer John Massari, and Levon's grandsons

Levon Yotnakhparian and Levon Parian will take part in "Conversation and Q&A" after the screening.

(Caution: Some of the archival footage & imagery might be concern for youth and some adults)

When: Thursday, April 4: 7 pm (doors open 6 pm)

Where: Duarte Performing Arts Center, 1401 Highland Ave., Duarte, CA 91010

Why: Commemorating the 104th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide that began April 24, 1915 (1915-1923); and Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors declaring April as "Armenian History Month"

Synopsis: Emmy Award winner film director/writer/producer Marta Houske spent nearly four years creating this exceptional documentary film uncovering extraordinary and rare archival footage and photographs from around the world, revealing the terror and bravery of this astonishing true story of the heroic efforts of Levon Yotnakhparian ("Levon") that took place over a century ago during the Armenian Genocide (1915-1923).

As World War I raged in the Middle East, with Col. T.E. Lawrence ("Lawrence of Arabia") fighting side by side with the Arabs against the Ottoman Empire, Levon barely escaped with his own life. Caught up in the chaos he risked extreme peril to return to this dangerous realm and lead a small expeditionary group to help save his people from near extinction in the 20th century's first genocide that saw the demise of over two million Armenians, Greeks and Assyrians, which makes this story compelling for their ancestors, and people of conscience around the world. Various fascinating historical figures appear in the story including Lawrence, Prince Faisal, Hussein El-Attrache and Sarah Aaronsohn.

A Matrix Communications production; executive producer, Paul G. Turpanjian (TF Educational Foundation); film editors, Chris Toussaint and Brian Denny; original score by John Massari; inspired by Crows Of The Desert, the memoirs of Levon Yotnakhparian, by Levon Parian (Levon's grandson and namesake).

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