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FAITH MOVES MOUNTAINS AND MOUNTANOUS WAVES IN “ONE WINTER STORY”

San Francisco, CA, September 13, 2006—“One Winter Story,” the documentary chronicling the life of big wave surf pioneer, Sarah Gerhardt, will have its world premiere on Sunday, October 8th, 4:15 pm at the CineArts @ Sequoia Theatre in Mill Valley and on Monday, October 9th at 6:45pm at the Throckmorton Theater, also in Mill Valley, as part of the Mill Valley Film Festival. Tickets go on sale on the Mill Valley Film festival website on Sunday, September 17th. www.mvff.com Be sure and get tickets in advance, as festival screenings tend to sell out.

The film is also an official selection at Hawaii International Film Festival and will screen at the festival in Honolulu at the end of October, date and time to be announced at the end of September.

Produced, directed and shot on 16mm and super 8 film by Sally Lundburg and Elizabeth Pepin of Frank Films, this unique hour-long documentary examines the life and legacy of Sarah Gerhardt. In February 1999, Sarah became the first woman to surf the legendary Maverick’s, a monstrous wave that breaks in the freezing waters off Half Moon Bay in Northern California. Over the years, Maverick’s has become the place where big wave surfers come to test their skills in some of the harshest surfing conditions in the world.





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Sarah's journey to Maverick's was anything but easy. Surfing became her escape from the hardships of home and faith became the guiding force in her life. " Growing up was a dark time and it was the only light that I had, basically, besides my Mom. It's definitely been the backbone of my life, this faith. I wouldn't be a centered person if I didn't have this concrete foundation to land my feet on. That's definitely it for me -- my faith."

Sarah's journey takes viewers from one fantastic surfing local to another—from the frigid and challenging conditions off the coast of Central California, to the massive walls of water on the Outer Reefs of Hawaii, and finally, to the ominous surfing conditions at Maverick's in Northern California. Through it all, we feel Sarah's love for this sometimes very dangerous sport. We share her fear and frustration, and then her determination to plunge into a traditionally male-dominated arena. Finally, we come to understand how her family and her faith in God help her take on the obstacles in her life.

"One Winter Story" is the first surf film to show how one woman can overcome the odds through faith and family to become a true pioneer.

For more information about the Mill Valley Film Festival or to purchase tickets click on www.mvff.com

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