

# 1906

A CITY AND ITS PEOPLE DEFYING NATURE

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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

**SAN FRANCISCO TO PREMIERE “1906”. THE ONLY FEATURE DOCUMENTARY EVER MADE ABOUT THE 1906 EARTHQUAKE AND FIRES. FILMED OVER A THREE YEAR PERIOD, FOLLOWING THE LIVES OF THE SURVIVORS, INCLUDING COVERAGE OF THE 100TH COMMEMORATION AT LOTTA'S FOUNTAIN.**

**1906** is the only documentary feature film made about the 1906 Earthquake and Fires in San Francisco. What started as a historical documentary quickly developed into a contemporary tale of the living survivors and in particular Herbert Hamrol, who was born on January 10, 1903 in San Francisco. As he nears 104 years of age, Herb still works at Andronico's market and lives by himself in Daly City. Herb was married for 40 years and has almost outlived his wife the same amount of time. As he gathers the living survivors for the 100<sup>th</sup> Earthquake commemoration in April 2006, Herb reflects on his life and tries to come to terms with his wife's sudden death. **1906** is a story about a city and its people defying nature. Also appearing in the film are Mayor Gavin Newsom, Nancy Pelosi, Joanne Hayes-White, Philip Fradkin author of *The Great Earthquake and Firestorms of 1906* and Gladys Hansen author of *Denial of Disaster*.

The film will make its San Francisco debut on December 6<sup>th</sup> at the AMC Metreon theaters. The premiere is expected to bring out the survivors, headed by Hamrol, alongside Mayor Gavin Newsom and other city officials. The screening will mark the last official event of the 1906 centennial alliance, planned as part of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. The film is dedicated to the people of San Francisco, underlying one of the film's central themes: it's not the city that makes the people, it's the people who make the city.

**What: Premiere screening of 1906**

**Where: The Metreon, AMC Theaters 101 4<sup>th</sup> Street, San Francisco**

**When: Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup>, 7pm**

**(There will be a second screening for the general public at 10pm)**

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