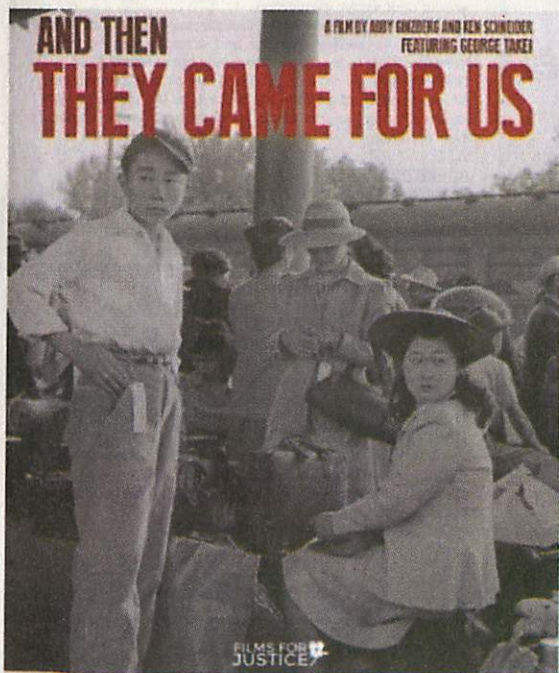




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Sacramento Premiere of New Film, "And Then They Came for Us"

SACRAMENTO — A timely and powerful new film, "And Then They Came for Us," makes its Sacramento Premiere on Saturday, Sept. 23, at 2 p.m., at the Crest Theatre, 1013 K Street, Sacramento.

Featuring actor and social activist George Takei, the film documents the mass incarceration of Japanese Americans. It draws parallels between the propaganda that enabled that incarceration, and today's demonization and increasing violence against Muslim Americans, Mexicans, and other disfavored groups.

"And Then They Came for Us,"

produced by social justice filmmakers Abby Ginzberg and Ken Schneider, raises issues vital to Americans as our national leaders propose a wall to prevent entry from Mexico, a ban of transgender service members, a Muslim registry, and the Muslim entry ban currently before the U.S. Supreme Court – and as they encourage violent Nazi groups and official brutality.

The film's title evokes German pastor Martin Niemoeller's tragic 1940s statement of how bystanders' complicity enabled the Nazi horrors.

After the film, a panel discus-

sion will feature producer-director Abby Ginzberg, Justice Cruz Reynoso, activist and transgender attorney Mia Frances Yamamoto, and the executive director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations-Sacramento Valley, Basim Elkarra.

The discussion moderator will be professor and former KXTV anchor Sharon Ito. A social action networking session will follow the panel discussion.

Organizing the premiere are the ABAS Law Foundation, the Cruz Reynoso Bar Association, the Council on American-Islamic Relations-Sacramento Valley, the Florin

Japanese American Citizens League-Sacramento Valley, the Northern California Time of Remembrance Committee, the Restorative Schools Vision Project, Sacramento Lawyers for the Equality of Lesbians and Gays (SacLEGAL), the Sacramento Asian Pacific Film Festival, and the Sacramento Japanese American Citizens League Chapter.

Tickets are \$15 (general admission) and \$10 (senior 65+ and child/students).

For more information, call (916) 476-3356, online at www.crestsacramento.com or at the Crest Box Office.