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ICARUS FILMS
FALL 2010 HOME VIDEO RELEASE SCHEDULE
THREE EPIC DOCUMENTARIES

April 27, 2010 (Brooklyn, New York) Jonathan Miller, President of Icarus Films, announced today his company's acquisition for distribution to all North American markets of Marcel Ophuls' Academy Award-winning documentary **HOTEL TERMINUS: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF KLAUS BARBIE** (Oscar for Best Feature Documentary of 1988), and also that it will be one of three major projects (both as films and as DVDs) which Icarus Films Home Video will release this fall, together with the landmark six-part film series **MIDDLETOWN** from Academy Award and Emmy- winning producer Peter Davis, and **ELSEWHERE** from OUR DAILY BREAD director Nikolaus Geyrhalter.

HOTEL TERMINUS: The Life and Times of Klaus Barbie

Pre-Book Date: Sept. 21, 2010
Street Date: Oct. 26, 2010

From Marcel Ophuls (THE SORROW AND THE PITY) comes the Academy Award-winning HOTEL TERMINUS, released on DVD for the first time.
This examination of the Nazi officer Klaus Barbie, the infamous "Butcher of Lyon", weaves together forty years of footage and interviews with former Nazis, American intelligence officers, South American government officials, victims of Nazi atrocities and witnesses. Barbie, while Gestapo chief in Lyon, tortured and murdered resistance fighters, innocent hostages, Jewish men, women and children, and had thousands deported to death camps.

After the war he was protected by and worked with the U.S. Army's Counterintelligence Corps, and then allowed to hide in Bolivia, where he lived peacefully for 30 years. Only in 1987 was he brought to trial in a French courtroom (in Lyon).

When the film was first released in the U.S., Vincent Canby of the New York Times wrote, "Another monumental Ophuls work, HOTEL TERMINUS emerges ultimately not as a study of one person, place or event, but as a contemplation of the human condition."

HOTEL TERMINUS: The Life and Times of Klaus Barbie
Directed & produced by Marcel Ophuls
Associate produced by Bernard Farrel
Edited by Brigette Grymblat
Executive produced by John S. Friedman, Hamilton Fish, & Peter Kovler
In French, German, Spanish & English
Color, 267 minutes, Germany & France, 1988

UPC # 854565001275
2 Discs / + booklet / SRP: $34.98
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Street Date: Oct. 26, 2010

MIDDLETOWN
Pre-Book Date: Aug. 17, 2010
Street Date: Sept. 21, 2010

Created and produced by the Academy Award winning Peter Davis (HEARTS AND MINDS), this Emmy-nominated six-part film series documents middle-class life, American values and customs in “Middletown”- a.k.a. Muncie, Indiana.

Inspired by immensely influential Depression-era sociological studies by Robert and Helen Lynd - *Middletown: A Study in Modern American Culture* (1929) and *Middletown in Transition: A Study in Cultural Conflicts* (1937) – this series of films made for PBS in 1982 transform the Middletown studies into an unprecedented overview of American life seen through the prisms of local politics, high school sports, a family business, religion, marriage and divorce, and (at the time still explosively) interracial dating.

The Boston Globe called MIDDLETOWN, “A masterpiece, one of the most important films ever made of the American experience.”

MIDDLETOWN
A six-part film series
Created & produced by Peter Davis
Episode 1: The Campaign - Directed by Tom Cohen
Episode 2: The Big Game - Directed by E.J. Vaughn
Episode 3: Community of Praise - Directed by Richard Leacock & Marisa Silver
Episode 4: Family Business - Directed by Tom Cohen
Episode 5: Second Time Around - Directed by Peter Davis & John Lindley
Episode 6: Seventeen - Directed by Joel DeMott & Jeff Kreines
Color, 457 minutes, U.S., 1982

UPC # 854565001244
4 Discs / + 16-page booklet / SRP: $44.98
+ a bonus filmed interview with Peter Davis
Pre-Book Date: Aug. 17, 2010
Street Date: Sept. 21, 2010

ELSEWHERE
Pre-Book Date: Oct. 12, 2010
Street Date: Nov. 16, 2010

From Nikolaus Geyrhalter, the director of OUR DAILY BREAD, comes this IDFA Special Jury Award-winning documentary, an epic journey to twelve remote and rarely glimpsed locales and communities around the world.

Geyrhalter films expansive vistas of desert, snow, jungle, ice, and rainforest, travels with a scooter-riding Finnish reindeer herdsman, visits the home of a Namibian couple with relational problems, ventures out to sea with a Sardinian fisherman. In observational and striking visual portraits, impressions of modernization's influence on traditional societies emerge.

A homage to humanity, ELSEWHERE is a nuanced portrait of life – fragile and resilient - at the start of the 21st century.

The New York Times called ELSEWHERE, "The result of a colossal endeavor, [ELSEWHERE] combine(s) a poetic sensibility and political intent."

ELSEWHERE
Directed, photographed & produced by Nikolaus Geyrhalter
Edited by Wolfgang Widerhofer
In: Tamashek, Sami, Ojihimba, Korowai, Kalaallisut, Kunwinjku, Ladakhi, Khanty, Moso, Sardinian, Nisga'a & Faliasch, w/ English subtitles
Color, 240 minutes, Austria, 2001

UPC # 854565001268
2 Discs / + booklet / SRP: $34.98
Pre-Book Date: Oct. 12, 2010
Street Date: Nov. 16, 2010

These three documentary films coming to DVD this fall represent only the latest releases from the new Home Video line of Icarus Films. "We want Icarus Films to be known as the home for the most important documentary films and filmmakers in the world today," said Miller. "Time will tell," he admitted.

For further information on current and new releases, visit the Icarus Films Home Video web site at http://homevideo.icarusfilms.com/

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