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### Locally-Produced Documentary to Celebrate its Premiere

Free Country Media is pleased to announce the official premiere of the documentary film, ***American Heart***. The film will be unveiled as a part of the 2013 Minneapolis St. Paul International Film Festival, and will be competing in the Made-in-Minnesota Documentary competition. The premiere will take place on **Thursday, April 18 at 6:30pm** at the official festival venue, **St. Anthony Main Theatre**. The filmmakers will be in attendance to introduce the film.

Seven years in the making, ***American Heart*** takes viewers on an intimate journey into the lives of three refugees who now call Minnesota home. All of them confront life-threatening health emergencies throughout the course of the film, and their trajectories prove surprising even to their doctors. At the center of it all is a remarkable health clinic, tucked away in the Hamline-Midway neighborhood of St. Paul. The HealthPartners Center for International Health serves a diverse population of refugees and immigrants from around the world. ***American Heart*** is directed by Minneapolis filmmaker Chris Newberry, edited by St. Paul's Bill Kersey, and executive-produced by local documentary icon Melody Gilbert.

Now in its 32<sup>nd</sup> year, the Minneapolis St. Paul International Film Festival is billed as the largest film event in the Upper Midwest, and has attracted a loyal following of cinema-lovers over the decades. This year, the festival runs April 11-28, and will screen more than 200 films representing 65 countries.

To **purchase tickets** for the screening or to learn more, visit:  
<http://www.mspfilmfest.org/MMXIII/content/american-heart>

General information regarding the festival can be found at:  
<http://www.mspfilmfest.org>

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