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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 32nd 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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