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TENTH ANNUAL VANCOUVER

Wosk Auditorium – Sunday, January 18, 2015 1:30 p.m.

> INAUGURAL WALLENBERG-SUGIHARA CIVIL COURAGE AWARD

> > FILM "THE RESCUERS"

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THE HONOURABLE UJJAL DOSANJH

has spent his life defending civil rights by repeatedly and openly urging people to defend the tenets of a democratic society. Born in India, Mr. Dosanjh immigrated to Canada at age 21, earned a law degree and rose to become the first Indo-Canadian Premier in Canada and a federal cabinet minister.

When the Indian Army attacked the Sikh Golden Temple in Amritsar in 1985, the Honourable Ujjal Dosanjh warned that Sikh separatist extremism could extend into Canada. The June 23, 1985,

bombing of Air India Flight 182 that departed from Canada was proof that his warning was not heeded. In spite of being personally violently attacked and threatened, Mr. Dosanjh has always condemned the use of violence as a means of establishing an independent Sikh homeland.

The Honourable Ujjal Dosanjh continues to be a consistent voice for social justice and a critic of sectarian violence. As recently as July, 2014, he reminded new immigrants to Canada of the importance of adopting the principles of our Canadian democracy. He is a constant inspiration to us all.

CIVIL COURAGE AWARD SELECTION COMMITTEE The Honourable Thomas Berger, Retired BC Supreme Court Judge Thomas Gradin, Honourary Swedish Consul Dan McLeod, Editor of Georgia Straight

FILM – THE RESCUERS (PG), from Emmy Award-winning filmmaker Michael King, uncovers the largely unknown stories of 13 heroic and courageous diplomats who, at tremendous personal cost, saved tens of thousands of Jews during World War II. The film follows Stephanie Nyombayire, a young Rwandan anti-genocide activist who lost 100 family members in the 1990s Rwandan Genocide, and Sir Martin Gilbert, the renowned 20th century and Holocaust historian, as they travel across 15 countries and 3 continents interviewing survivors and descendants of the diplomats. Nyombayire and Gilbert explore and contemplate the past in a quest, in part, to understand what should be done to stop the ongoing genocide in Darfur and elsewhere.

PROGRAM

Lieutenant Governor and official party are piped in by Pipe Major John Mager

WELCOME / MC Deborah Ross-Grayman, Director

WALLENBERG-SUGIHARA CIVIL COURAGE SOCIETY Henry Grayman, President

> CITY OF VANCOUVER PROCLAMATION Andrea Reimer, Deputy Mayor

> > CIVIL COURAGE REMARKS Deborah Ross-Grayman

INTRODUCTION TO AWARD RECIPIENT Henry Grayman

CIVIL COURAGE AWARD PRESENTATION

The Honourable Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia Henry Grayman Thomas Gradin, Honourary Swedish Consul The Honourable Ujjal Dosanjh, Award Recipient

> ACCEPTANCE REMARKS The Honourable Ujjal Dosanjh

REMARKS The Honourable Judith Guichon

> THANK YOU Deborah Ross-Grayman

FILM – THE RESCUERS

RECEPTION