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### **A MAINE FILM PREMIER: *VOICES OF KATRINA***

Portland, Maine – October 5, 2006. AmeriCo Productions in partnership with Liberty News TV presents an exclusive film premier of *Voices of Katrina*, filmed in part in Maine, by award winning guerilla filmmaker Chris Hume. Join this Los Angeles filmmaker for a screening and Q&A to follow. Then join us for music by *Justin Page and his Downeast Division* with New Orleans second line jazz.

*Voices of Katrina* follows the lives of several families for one year – as they reclaim their lives in the aftermath of the worst natural disaster in United States history. From the mayor of a vanished Mississippi town and his family who found refuge in Maine, to a former Black Panther in New Orleans, to a southern family displaced in North Dakota. They are just a few of the untold stories in *Voices of Katrina*,

Chris Hume has been making political documentaries and socially relevant fiction films for more than 20 years. His films speak the “voice of the people” with wit, charm, and daring. He has been described as a “kinder and gentler Michael Moore.” He previewed his film *Red State Road Trip* in Portland last year to a sold-out crowd. Extensive credits of his work include screenings at the Sundance Film Festival and the Aspen Film Festival. His film *Sammy the Screenplay*, starring Jason Alexander and Rob Schneider was the winner of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual French Online Film Fest.

Then join us for music by *Justin Page and his Downeast Division* with New Orleans second line jazz. Music is an important part of most public events in New Orleans culture, even funerals. “In the beginning we play dirges, and the first line mourn the loss of their beloved. After we bury the dead the second line starts playing happy music. It’s like we’re sayin’, I’m sorry that you’re gone, but it was sure great to get to know ya.”

This evening is produced by AmeriCo Productions [www.AmeriCoProductions.org](http://www.AmeriCoProductions.org) as part of its political cabaret “Speaking the Unspeakable: A Totally Biased and Slanted Look at the World We Live in Today.” It is also sponsored by Liberty News TV, “the real news behind the headlines” [www.LibertyNewsTV.org](http://www.LibertyNewsTV.org).

Shows are at 7:00 pm on October 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> at the St. Lawrence Arts Center, 76 Congress St., Portland, ME. Tickets prices \$10 adults, \$8 children/seniors/students. Purchase tickets at the door or online at [www.stlawrencearts.org](http://www.stlawrencearts.org) or any Bullmoose Music location. This is a nonprofit event with some of the proceeds going to Katrina recovery.

For more information about the event, email [info@AmeriCoProductions.org](mailto:info@AmeriCoProductions.org), or call 874-0878. For more on Chris Hume visit [www.ShootAndRunProductions.com](http://www.ShootAndRunProductions.com) and Justin Page [www.JustinPageDrummer.com](http://www.JustinPageDrummer.com).