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**RWANDAN PRESIDENT PAUL KAGAME TO ATTEND THE TRIBECA FILM FESTIVAL**

**WORLD PREMIERE OF DEBORAH SCRANTON'S "EARTH MADE OF GLASS" ON APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>**

New York (April 21, 2010) – His Excellency Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda, will be attending the world premiere of Deborah Scranton's documentary EARTH MADE OF GLASS at the Tribeca Film Festival on Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. President Kagame will participate in a Q & A following the screening. In the new post-genocide Government of National Unity, President Kagame, first as Vice President and then as President has led the rebuilding of the shattered country from scratch. His leadership and the achievements of Rwanda in peace building, reconciliation, human rights, women's empowerment, good governance and economic development have been recognized internationally.

Filmmaker Deborah Scranton (THE WAR TAPES, BAD VOODOO'S WAR) was granted unprecedented access in Rwanda by President Kagame in 2008, and she along with her production team P.H. O'Brien and Reid Carolin documented the journey of the head of state as he fought to free his closest aide from French charges of terrorism after exposing the truth about France's role in the 1994 Rwandan genocide. The filmmakers also followed the path of Rwandan citizen John Pierre Sagahutu as he struggled to understand the truth and participants behind his father's unsolved murder. EARTH MADE OF GLASS documents two very different men in their quests to stop the cycle of hate and violence in their own generation.

"We are extremely honored and excited for President Kagame to join us at Tribeca. After working in Rwanda, I was profoundly moved by the job his government and the country's citizens have done in rebuilding the country, finding a path to peace through the pursuit and discovery of the truth about the past. President Kagame's efforts in fostering truth and reconciliation amongst Rwandans are truly revolutionary - providing a real-world model for conflict-riddled nations like Israel, Iraq, and Sudan. I hope his attendance at the premiere of Earth Made of Glass helps spread the word about his incredible efforts" said filmmaker Deborah Scranton.

**ABOUT THE FILM**

On August 6th, 2008, against the backdrop of the world's deadliest war in neighboring Eastern Congo, Rwandan President Paul Kagame released a report detailing the French government's hidden role in planning the 1994 Rwandan genocide. Three months later, his closest aide, Rose Kabuye, is arrested by France on charges of terrorism.

Meanwhile, Jean Pierre Sagahutu, a genocide survivor haunted by his father's unsolved murder, scours the Rwandan countryside on a fifteen-year-search for clues - ultimately finding himself confronted with his darkest desire: being face to face with his father's killer.

As President Kagame fights to free Rose from France and expose the truth about what really happened in Rwanda fifteen years ago, Jean Pierre journeys to the scene of the crime, and the doorstep of a killer, to uncover the chilling facts behind his father's death. As each relentlessly pursues the truth - with the fate of a family and a country hanging in the balance - they find themselves faced with a choice: to enact vengeance or turn the other cheek...

Despite having never met, the story of a President and an ordinary man become inextricably linked in this groundbreaking film. Bound by a deep love of country, an insatiable need for the truth, and a hunger for peace, their struggles will set in motion the rebuilding of a family, a nation, and ultimately the entire African continent. Above all, they will shake the very foundations of what it means to forgive – providing a model for ending hatred and violence throughout the world.

**Festival Screenings:**

Premiere - Monday, April 26 at 6:00 pm - BMCC

Public Screening 2 - Tuesday, April 27 at 3:00 pm - SVA1

Public Screening 3 - Friday, April 30 at 5:30 pm - VEC3

Public Screening 4 - Saturday, May 1 at 3:45 pm - VEC4

Press & Industry Screening 1 – Wednesday, April 28 at 11:45am - VEC 2

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