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Speaker: Rob Fruchtman, Co-producer & Director

Film: "Sister Helen," an HBO documentary

Date: September 22th (Monday)

Place: Science Building 309

Time: 2.45-4:15 (film screening); 4:30-5:30 Q&A with Rob Fruchtman

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Rob Fruchtman is an award-winning director, producer and editor of television programs and documentaries. He won the Documentary Director award at the 2002 Sundance Film Festival for his feature film, *Sister Helen*, which aired on HBO in 2003. His film, *Trust Me*, a documentary produced for SHOWTIME, follows Christian, Jewish and Islamic boys at an interfaith camp in North Carolina. He has won three Emmys for his work with PBS. He directed all 13 episodes of *Samurai Sportsman* for the Outdoor Life Network in 2004, which was one of OLN's highest-rated shows. Fruchtman also directed *Secrets Of Angels And Demons* (PBS 2006), *Secrets Of Mary Magdalene* (PBS 2007) and *Seeing Proof* (2007), a film about Cambodia's brutal Khmer Rouge regime and its lingering effect on Cambodia's society. Mr. Fruchtman has created compelling television programs, such as *In Search Of China*; *Kronos*; *The Body Adorned* and *On The Edge Of Being* for PBS; *The Last Of The Incas* for Showtime and *Ancient Splendors* for Reader's Digest. He executive produced *Nature's Great Events* and *Incredible Journeys* for BBC and PBS while at RD, as well as films on Australia and China. Mr. Fruchtman began his career as a dialogue and sound editor on many feature films, including *The Unbearable Lightness Of Being*, *Quiz Show*, *Blue Velvet*, *Backdraft*, and many others, working closely with directors such as Robert Redford, Ron Howard, Philip Kaufman and David Lynch.

ABOUT THE FILM

Winner of the Sundance Director's award, this docudrama centers on Sister Helen Travis, an unconventional nun determined to help substance abusers in the South Bronx. A recovering alcoholic, Travis turned to God after hitting rock bottom when her two children and husband died from substance abuse-related causes. The hard-nosed Sister runs a halfway house, dispensing her unique form of tough love in a tireless effort to help recovering addicts.

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