

# ALA-VRT Notable Videos 2016

The American Library Association (ALA) Video Round Table Notable Videos for Adults Committee has compiled its 2016 list of Notable Videos for Adults, a list of 15 outstanding films released on video within the past two years. Unless otherwise noted, titles are available from most distributors or the companies are listed in the "Distributor Addresses" on page 82.

**Alive Inside** (City Drive Films, 78 min., DVD or Blu-ray: \$19.95). Filmmaker Michael Rossato-Bennett's documentary celebrating the salutary impact of music on dementia patients centers on social worker Dan Cohen, who provides iPods to nursing home residents suffering from Alzheimer's and other forms of mental debilitation. (VL-1/15)

**Call Me Lucky** (MPI, 105 min., DVD: \$24.98, Blu-ray: \$29.98). Standup comic turned filmmaker Bobcat Goldthwait pays tribute to Barry Crimmins, acerbic critic of the conservative Reagan-Bush years, mentor to comics, and champion of victims of Internet child abuse. (VL-1/16)

**E-Team** (Ro\*co Films Educational [www.rocoeducational.com], 89 min., DVD: \$95; high schools & public libraries; \$295 w/PPR: colleges & universities). Filmmakers Katy Chevigny and Ross Kauffman's documentary spotlights members of an Emergencies Team international human rights group who investigate trouble spots around the globe. (See upcoming review in VL-5/16).

**Freedom Summer** (PBS, 120 min. DVD: \$24.99 [\$54.99 w/PPR from www.teacher.shop.pbs.org]). Acclaimed documentary filmmaker Stanley Nelson brilliantly captures the passion, anguish, and fury of Mississippi's 1964 summer months during the volatile Civil Rights era in this PBS-aired film. (VL-11/14)

**God Loves Uganda** (First Run, 83 min.,

DVD: \$24.95). Exploring how the African nation of Uganda became a hotbed for hatred aimed at gays and lesbians in the last decade, Oscar-winning director Roger Ross Williams's powerful documentary finds that part of the blame lies with American evangelical churches. (VL-7/14)

**The Great Invisible** (Anchor Bay, 92 min., DVD: \$19.98 [\$95: high schools & public libraries; \$295 w/PPR: colleges & universities from Ro\*co Films Educational, www.rocoeducational.com]). Director Margaret Brown travels across Alabama, Louisiana, and Texas, exploring the legacy of the April 2010 Deepwater Horizon explosion. (See upcoming review in VL-5/16).

**India's Daughter** (Women Make Movies, 62 min., in Hindi w/English subtitles, DVD: \$89; high schools & public libraries; \$395: colleges & universities). Filmmaker Leslee Udwin's documentary tells the tragic story of the brutal 2012 gang rape on a Delhi bus of a 23-year-old medical student, who later died from her injuries. (See upcoming review in VL-5/16).

**The Kill Team** (Bullfrog Films, 79 min., DVD: \$350). Director Dan Krauss's cinematic inquest examines crimes committed on the American side of the war in Afghanistan, here told mostly from the point of view of infantryman Adam Winfield while preparing for his trial. (VL-7/15)

**The Missing Picture** (Strand, 92 min., DVD: \$27.99). Cambodian director Rithy Panh's iconoclastic Oscar-nominated documentary tells the story of his family's harrowing experiences during the Khmer Rouge terror of the 1970s, using meticulously carved wooden and clay figures arranged in various situations. (VL-5/14)

**The Punk Singer** (MPI, 81 min., DVD: \$24.98). Filmmaker Sini Anderson's documentary focuses on the life story of musician and Lyme disease sufferer Kathleen Hanna, covering Hanna's years in Bikini Kill, Le

Tigre, and her current band, the Julie Ruin. (VL-5/14)

**The Salt of the Earth** (Sony, 110 min., Blu-ray/DVD Combo: \$26.99). Filmmaker Wim Wenders and Juliano Ribeiro Salgado's documentary explores the work of the latter's father, humanistic photographer Sebastião Salgado. (VL-7/15)

**The Square** (City Drive Films, 109 min., DVD or Blu-ray: \$17.98). Director Jehane Noujaim's 2013 Oscar nominee for Best Documentary captures real-time events in Cairo's Tahrir Square, a symbolic stronghold for dissenters protesting against the repressive Mubarak government in 2011. (VL-1/16)

**Watchers of the Sky** (Music Box Films, 121 min., DVD: \$29.95). Edet Belzberg's documentary tells the story of Raphael Lemkin, a refugee from Nazi-occupied Poland who coined the term "genocide" and lost nearly 50 family members to the Holocaust. (VL-5/15)

**Web** (Sundial Pictures [http://sundial-pictures.com], 84 min., DVD: \$24.95 [\$200 w/PPR]). Filmmaker Michael Kleiman's documentary chronicles a project to introduce laptop computers and Internet connectivity to children in remote Peruvian locales. (VL-3/15)

**The Whole Gritty City** (Alexander Street Press [www.alexanderstreet.com], 89 min., DVD: \$295). Three Louisiana marching bands prepare for Mardi Gras in this documentary from filmmakers Richard Barber and Andre Lambertson. (VL-5/15)

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