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Is Democracy Safe from the Terminator?

Docspace presents ***How Arnold Won the West*** a hilarious and insightful British documentary that tells the story of the bizarre California Recall Election.

HOW ARNOLD WON THE WEST is the first film directed, shot and written by British documentary maker Alex Cooke. It is one of the few British documentaries to receive a theatrical release internationally and now audiences throughout the UK also have the chance to see it.

Alex Cooke followed the campaign from the moment Arnold Schwarzenegger announced his candidacy through to his victory. 135 candidates took part in this extraordinary gubernatorial race, personally paid for (to the tune of \$1.7 million) by Republican Congressman Darrell Issa and specifically to eliminate Democratic Governor, Gray Davis.

With so many candidates – from delusional hopefuls, to actors, porn stars, porn peddlers, self-promoters and performance artists, as well as seasoned politicians – the circus really did come to town.

Docspace is a newly formed organisation which aims to develop new audiences and new experiences in documentary films in the UK through an innovative programme of audience development, film seasons and workshops in cinemas, art centres and other venues in central and rural areas. We are supported by MEDIA and Scottish Screen. Docspace is the audience research hub and UK partner of **CinemaNet Europe** which has been established to support European programming of documentaries and specialised fiction through digital projection.

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Screening details, film credits and contacts follow.

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HOW ARNOLD WON THE WEST

UK/Fr 2004 80mins (12A)

Screening at the following venues

Aberdeen Belmont 4th May

- Introduced by broadcaster and journalist Mark Stephens

Venue Tel: 01224 343 500

Glasgow Film Theatre 4th, 11th, 18th May

Venue 0141 332 6535

Edinburgh Filmhouse 12th May

Venue Tel: 0131 623 8022

London Ritzy 4th May plus date tbc

Introduced by Executive Producer of How Arnie Won the West
(and Head of Documentary at the BBC) Alan Hayling

Venue Tel: 0207 326 2615

Cambridge Arts Cinema 8th May

Venue Tel: 01223 578 939

York City Screen 4th May

Venue Tel: 01904 612 940

Manchester Cornerhouse 4th May

Plus 7th June followed by Q&A with writer/director Alex Cooke

Venue Tel: 0161 200 1510

Sheffield Showroom 4th May

Venue Tel: 0114 221 0604

