

The Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic to the UN presents

The Power of the Powerless

The Days of the Czech European Union Presidency at the United Nations in NY | ECHOES OF One World 09

June 15, 7:00 P.M.
Bohemian National Hall - 321 E. 73rd St.
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The year 2009 marks several important anniversaries in Czech and European history, from the Fall of the Iron Curtain and Velvet Revolution in Czechoslovakia to the first rounds of NATO and EU enlargement by former communist countries in Central and Eastern Europe, including the Czech Republic. "The Power of the Powerless," narrated by Jeremy Irons, examines the role of civil society and human rights defenders in the fall of the totalitarian regime in Czechoslovakia.

Followed by a Q&A with Ambassador Martin Palouš, former Spokesman of Charter 77, Šimon Pánek, director of People in Need and student leader of the Velvet Revolution, the film's director, Cory Taylor, and Executive Producer, Darin Nellis. Special thanks to AGORA Productions for the support of the event.

About People in Need: People in Need (PIN) is a Czech nonprofit non-governmental organization, which provides relief aid and development assistance while working to defend human rights and democratic freedoms. PIN is one of the largest organizations of its kind in post-communist Europe and has administered projects in more than 40 countries over the last 17 years. PIN was organized in 1992 when dissidents and leaders of the Czechoslovak Velvet Revolution teamed up with conflict journalists to form a foundation aimed at a better world.

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In "Burma VJ: Reporting from a closed country", undercover video journalists in Burma, armed with small handy cams, maintain the flow of news from their closed country, despite the risk of torture and life imprisonment. Directed by Anders Østergaard. Winner of the Václav Havel Special Award at One World 2009.

Followed by a Q&A with Ambassador Martin Palouš, Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the UN, Maureen Aung Thwin, Director of the Burma Project/Southeast Asia Initiative of the Open Society Institute, and U Gawsita and U Pyinnya Zawta, two members of the All Burma Monks' Alliance (ABMA) who are featured in the film.

About One World: Established in 1999 by the Czech NGO People in Need, One World is, today, the largest and one of the most important human rights film festivals in Europe. One World presents over 120 outstanding documentaries from all around the globe and seeks to promote the best quality documentary films on social and political issues. One World acts as a year-long educational institution, helping more than 2,600 schools to incorporate the subject of human rights into their lessons through screenings of documentary films. In 2006, One World received a Special Mention from UNESCO for its contribution to human rights and peace education.

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