## IN OUR SON'S NAME

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## A son's 9/11 death sends his parents on a surprising journey of reconciliation that includes the mother of one of the conspirators.

Atlanta, GA, July 18, 2016 – Phyllis and Orlando Rodríguez's lives shatter with the death of their son, Greg, who dies with thousands of others at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. Instead of seeking revenge, the grieving couple begin a journey of reconciliation that transforms their lives. Their odyssey thrusts them reluctantly into the public eye as they speak out against war in Iraq and Afghanistan, oppose the death penalty for 9/11 conspirator, Zacarias Moussaoui, and befriend his mother.

Probing the nature of violence, Phyllis and Orlando travel to Sing Sing prison for an emotional dialog with men incarcerated or violent crimes, men who themselves seek reconciliation. As a result, Orlando, a professor of Sociology at Fordham University, decides to teach also in prisons. Along the way, Phyllis and Orlando also find companionship with another 9/11 victim's mother, whose son, Salman Hamdani, a first responder medic who died helping others but was wrongly suspected of complicity in the attack because he was Muslim. These encounters give Phyllis and Orlando find a measure of freedom to speak frankly of the profound exerience of losing their son in a violent act. As Phyllis observes, "There are things you might never say to anyone but someone you know has lived a kind of horror."

*In Our Son's Name* is a moving portrait of resilience, courage, and the healing power of reconciliation. Insightful interviews, verité footage, and striking archival images create a subtle, profound story told with disarming candor -a response to violence that challenges conventional concepts of justice and healing.

"I watched this powerful and healing documentary in a lecture theater filled with utterly transfixed undergraduates literally the 9/11 generation - and you could have heard a pin drop in the room. None of us could help but be moved, even transformed, by Phyllis and Orlando's remarkable courage and dignity." Shadd Maruna, Dean, School of Criminal Justice, Rutgers University

*In Our Son's Name* is presented by South Carolina ETV and distributed by National Educational Telecommunications Association (NETA) to public television stations nationally, beginning September 3. Please check with local stations for date and time.

The film is also available on WORLD, a digital channel produced and distributed by WGBH/Boston, American Public Television(APT) and WNET/New York in association with Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) and the National Educational Telecommunications Association (NETA). WORLD is distributed by APT and is now carried by 72 licensees/155 stations representing 65.8% of U.S. TV households.

## WORLD Channel schedule:

Tuesday, September 6 9:00 PM (ET) 8:00 PM (CT) / 12:00 PM (CT) / 8:00 AM (CT) / 2:00 PM (CT) 7:00 PM (MT) / 11:00 PM (MT) / 7:00 AM (MT) /1:00 PM (MT) 6:00 PM (PT) / 10:00 PM (PT) / 6:00 AM (PT) / 12:00 PM (PT) 5:00 PM / 9:00 PM / 5:00 AM / 11:00 AM Alaska time zone Wednesday, September 7 1:00 AM (ET) / 9:00 AM (ET) / 3:00 PM (ET)

Producer/director Gayla Jamison is an award-winning documentary filmmaker whose documentaries span issues of culture and social concern in 17 countries on five continents. Her work has appeared on PBS, Turner Broadcasting, ABC, NBC, The Learning Channel, Univisión, and Galavisión.

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A five-minute trailer may be viewed at www.inoursonsonsname.com.

To preview the film in its entirety, please contact us.

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