



WEDNESDAY EVENING SEMINAR

Education Program, Nongkrong Yuk! Indonesian Club at UHM, and the Center for Southeast Asian Studies Presents

Screening & Director Q&A

Where Heaven Meets Hell

A film by Sasha Friedlander

Wednesday, April 3, 2013

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Keoni Auditorium, Imin International Conference Center

Deep in the rain forests of Eastern Java, Indonesia, lies the active volcano, Kawah Ijen, where 500 sulfur miners carrying backbreaking loads, traverse treacherous terrain amidst spectacular vistas and toxic gases. *Where Heaven Meets Hell* relays the stories of four of these miners, who risk their lives and health daily in an industry we rely on for sugar, matches and cosmetics. This visually stunning and intimate film chronicles their attempts to escape the endemic poverty and lack of education that haunts their community. Drawing strength from their families and Muslim faith, these miners inspire us as they search for meaning in their daily struggles and triumphs.

SASHA FRIEDLANDER is a filmmaker based in both New York City and Northern California. Sasha completed her BA from UCLA in 2007, and received her MFA in Social Documentary Film from the School of Visual Arts in New York in 2011. In 2007, Sasha moved to Indonesia and began an internship at Bali TV, and because of her fluency in the Indonesian language, was asked to join a team of journalists from the BBC and the Bali Post to launch the first edition of the International Bali Post. She returned to Indonesia a year later, to produce **WHERE HEAVEN MEETS HELL**, her first feature documentary film, which was selected for funding and co-production by ITVS and is scheduled to air on PBS in 2013. **WHERE HEAVEN MEETS HELL** has screened at festivals and venues around the world including IDFA, Hot Docs and NYC Lincoln Center. The film has won numerous awards including the Grand Jury Prize for Best Feature Documentary Film and a Special Jury award for Outstanding Cinematography at the Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film Festival, and the Halekulani Golden Orchid Award for Best Documentary Feature at the Hawaii International Film Festival.

This event is co-sponsored by the Student Activity & Program Fee Board UH Manoa. Refreshments will be served. Please bring your own cup, plate/bowl and utensil. The public is invited to attend. Check out our WES blog - <http://mywes.info/>