

DONNA DANIELS PUBLIC RELATIONS
1375 Broadway, 4th Floor
New York, NY 10018
PH: 212-869-7233

For Immediate Release

Contact: Melissa Raddatz/212-869-7233

SONY PICTURES CLASSICS presents WHY WE FIGHT

“A dense and absorbing critique of American militarism.”

-A.O. Scott, *The New York Times*

Why We Fight, Eugene Jarecki's nimble and brilliant docu-dissection of the military-industrial complex, unearths the deepest roots of our scariest political realities. I defy anyone not to be staggered by it.”

- Owen Gleiberman, *Entertainment Weekly*

Award-winning filmmaker Eugene Jarecki's “**WHY WE FIGHT**,” which won the Grand Jury Prize at the 2005 Sundance Film Festival, is an unflinching look at the anatomy of the American war machine, weaving unforgettable personal stories with commentary by a “who’s who” of military and beltway insiders. Featuring John McCain, Gore Vidal, William Kristol, Chalmers Johnson, Richard Perle and others, ‘Why We Fight’ launches a bipartisan inquiry into the workings of the military industrial complex and the rise of the American Empire.

Inspired by Dwight Eisenhower’s legendary farewell speech (in which he coined the phrase “military industrial complex”), filmmaker Jarecki (“The Trials of Henry Kissinger”) surveys the scorched landscape of a half-century’s military adventures, asking how – and telling why – a nation of, by, and for the people has become the savings-and-loan of a system whose survival depends on a state of constant war.

The film moves beyond the headlines of various American military operations to the deeper questions of why – why does America fight? What are the forces – political, economic, ideological – that drive us to war?

Written and directed by Eugene Jarecki; produced by Eugene Jarecki and Susannah Shipman; executive producers, Roy Ackerman and Nicholas Fraser; editor, Nancy Kennedy; music by Robert Miller. Running time is 98 minutes.

WHY WE FIGHT opens Jan. 20th in NY & LA. Nationwide in February.

Press requests: please contact Melissa Raddatz at Donna Daniels Public Relations at 212-869-7233 or mraddatz@ddanielspr.net.