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HISTORIC SARANAC LAKE TO SHOW NEW DOCUMENTARY ABOUT TB,  
“ON THE LAKE”

SARANAC LAKE, New York; March 4, 2009. Historic Saranac Lake will show a special preview screening of “On the Lake: Life and Love in a Distant Place,” a new documentary about the tuberculosis epidemic in the 1900s in America and globally today. The screening will be held at Saranac Village at Will Rogers, on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.

The movie is a production of Eagle Peak Media, and the project of acclaimed filmmakers David Bettencourt and G. Wayne Miller. The film centers upon the story of tuberculosis patients at Zamburano State Hospital in Providence, Rhode Island. The filmmakers tell the story in the wider context of the history of TB treatment in the United States. The film crew traveled to Saranac Lake to capture footage of cure cottages, the Trudeau Sanatorium, and the Saranac Laboratory, and they interviewed historian Mary Hotaling.

The documentary will be shown on selected PBS stations around the country on March 25<sup>th</sup>, the day after World TB Day. The film brings attention to the fact that, after HIV/AIDS, TB is the world’s second most deadly infectious disease.

The filmmakers said, “This is a medical story, a chronicle of loss and despair -- but also an emotionally powerful true-life tale of friendship and love in tragic circumstances, a triumph of the human spirit for those who survived.”

The special preview screening of the film is free and open to the public.

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