SAG HARBOR CINEMA

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SAG HARBOR CINEMA PRESENTS
AL FRANKEN: GOD SPOKE
FOLLOWED BY A Q&A
WITH AL FRANKEN, CHRIS HEGEDUS AND NICK DOOB

SAG HARBOR - Sag Harbor Cinema's first year-round retrospective, dedicated to the work of D.A. Pennebaker and Chris Hegedus, draws to a close with a special screening of *Al Franken: God Spoke*. A conversation with Al Franken and the filmmakers Chris Hegedus and Nick Doob will take place after the 6pm screening on June 4th.

Set on the backdrop of Franken's book tour for *Lies and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them* and following him through the launch of Air America Radio network and the 2004 election campaign, the film maps Franken's path from comedy to politics.

"Like Pennebaker and Hegedus' *The War Room*, *Al Franken: God Spoke* brings us, like a fly on the wall, inside the machine of politics and the machine of entertainment and exposes their interdependence and contradictions through Franken's unique experience from 'Saturday Night Live' to the road that led to Congress. I am thrilled he will be with us, together with the filmmakers to discuss the film and the journey," says Sag Harbor Cinema's Artistic Director Giulia D'Agnolo Vallan.

The Village Voice's Rob Nelson remarked about *Al Franken: God Spoke*, "The film is most compelling for its suggestion of how politics and showbiz are at once incestuously entwined and, perhaps, irreconcilably different."

Tickets for the screening are available on Sag Harbor Cinema's website, sagharborcinema.org.

More information on the film is available below:

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AL FRANKEN: GOD SPOKE
Dirs. Chris Hegedus & Nick Doob
USA, 2006; 90 mins, in English

When Al Franken receives a message from God that he should take on the political right, he hangs up his Stuart Smalley wig and picks up his flaming sword of justice to go after the Bush administration and the media wonks who do its bidding.

From his USO tour in Iraq, to the studios of liberal radio network Air America and on the campaign trail, filmmakers Nick Doob and Chris Hegedus are granted entry to one of the most effective political satirists of our time. Franken fearlessly confronts pundits and politicians, blurring the boundaries between political satire and impassioned citizenry.

Featuring a host of beltway pundits and politicians including Ann Coulter, Michael Moore, Al Gore, John Kerry, Robert Kennedy Jr., Sean Hannity, William Safire, Karen Hughes and Henry Kissinger, the film is an hilarious look behind the front lines of the media wars during the most contentious election in recent history. But ultimately, the film is a personal drama of transformation, as Al Franken leaves his comedy days behind and moves from his seat in the sidelines to become a contender inside the political ring. – *Pennebaker Hegedus Films*

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About the Sag Harbor Cinema

As a not-for-profit 501(c)3, community-based organization, Sag Harbor Cinema is dedicated to presenting the past, present and future of the Movies and to preserving the film-going experience in its three state-of-the-art theaters. The Cinema engages its audiences and the community year-round through dialogue, discovery, and appreciation of the moving image – from blockbusters to student shorts and everything in between. Revitalized and reimagined through unprecedented community efforts to rebuild the iconic Main Street structure after a fire nearly destroyed it in 2016, SHC continues a long historic tradition of entertainment in the heart of Sag Harbor Village. SHC Members enjoy discounts on tickets and merchandise and can purchase food and drink at our concession stand, cafe, as well as our member-only rooftop lounge, The Green Room.