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“Silent Fallout”

Groundbreaking Japanese Film Uncovers U.S. Nuclear Testing Secrets;

Director Hideaki Ito is in the Bay Area to Show Award-Winning Documentary on August 9 (in English), August 10 (in Japanese), and August 11 (in English)

OAKLAND & BERKELEY, CA – Silent Fallout proudly announces the North American screening tour of "Silent Fallout," an award-winning documentary by acclaimed Japanese director Hideaki Ito.

This profound and moving film has already received international acclaim, winning Outstanding Achievement at the Swedish International Film Festival, Best Editing at the Maverick Film Awards (UK), and Best Story at the Toronto Documentary Feature & Short Film Festival (Canada), among other honors, including at U.S. film festivals.

"Silent Fallout" delves deeply into the untold stories of victims of nuclear testing in America. In 1951, the US began nuclear weapons testing in Nevada, exposing residents in Nevada and across the country to dangerous levels of radiation.

Mary Dickson, growing up in suburban Utah during the '50s and '60s, witnessed her elementary school classmates succumbing to unusual illnesses and deaths. Concurrently, Dr. Louise Reiss in St. Louis conducted a groundbreaking study by collecting baby teeth, revealing widespread exposure across the United States.

The film follows these and other accounts, traversing from Salt Lake City to Virginia, Missouri, the United Kingdom, and Japan to unravel and expose the complex and disturbing truths behind the bomb. The documentary film also showcases the relentless efforts of individuals who risked everything to bring these stories to light.

Bay Area showings with remarks by the director and an opportunity for Q & A by journalists, are part of a two-month U.S. tour. The screenings are:

• **Friday, August 9:** 7pm to 9pm, First Unitarian Church, 685 14th Street, Oakland. The film will be shown in English, and director Ito will have an interpreter.

• **Saturday, August 10:** 1pm to 3pm, Berkeley Public Library, 2090 Kittredge Street, Berkeley. The film will be shown in Japanese and director Ito will speak in Japanese.

• **Sunday, August 11:** 12:30pm to 2:30pm, New Parkway Theater, 474 24th St, Oakland. The film will be shown in English, and director Ito will have an interpreter.

"Silent Fallout" aims to also raise awareness about the grave issue of radiation poisoning and nuclear contamination in the US and globally.

Director Hideaki Ito's passion for justice is evident in his poignant statement: "I feel strong anger. A government that has exposed its own citizens to radiation and acquired nuclear weapons. The perpetrators remain silent. Why do the victims have to lose their voices? And should people remain ignorant? Should we just be bystanders? Who are nuclear weapons for? I believe my role is to take the first step and get people to sit down at the discussion table."

Narrated by Alec Baldwin, director Ito and his team have called the documentary film, "essential viewing for anyone interested in exploring the darker chapters of history and its lingering effects today. The film invites audiences to look beyond the Academy Award-winning hit, 'Oppenheimer,' and engage directly with the ongoing impacts of nuclear testing on communities worldwide."

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A small number of interviews can be arranged with director Hideaki Ito in advance of the screenings, in Japanese or subject to the availability of his interpreter

