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Choices Releases New Film on an Exile's Return to Iran

Los Angeles, CA (June 5, 2006) – Choices, Inc. proudly announces the release of the documentary ***Letters from Iran***, a moving account of Nezam Manouchehri's return to his homeland of Iran after many years spent living in San Francisco. Through a series of letters written to friends in the U.S., Manouchehri conveys the ambivalent and contradictory emotions evoked by his return, including loneliness, and nostalgia for a vanished past. Hailed as "very powerful and timely" by BoxOffice Magazine, ***Letters from Iran*** provides a glimpse at everyday life in present-day Tehran, and uncovers the political and social changes taking place.

More than two decades after the revolution, Iran is still a mystery to outsiders, including many expatriate Iranians. ***Letters from Iran*** is a testimony to the diversity and the contradictions of a vast and varied nation. Using a seamless blend of immediate experience combined with flashbacks, the film explores the political and cultural changes taking place as Iran confronts consumerism, traffic, and satellite television. The Spanish daily *El Pais* called ***Letters from Iran*** a film that "makes Iran less bomb-able," by providing a rarely seen, intimate look at a generation of western-educated Iranian intellectuals. ***Letters from Iran*** also deals with the struggle for artistic creation in a society that does not meet our modern specifications and basic social requirements for living, but seems to have a logic of its own. Of special interest is the plight of women, including Manouchehri's wife, Norah, a painter who is forbidden to exhibit in Iranian galleries; and his daughter, forced to live abroad in order to pursue her education.

Larry Rattner, co-president of Choices, commented, "We look forward to bringing this unique film to a larger audience." Choices, Inc. will release ***Letters from Iran*** on June 6, 2006. The DVD version of the film includes a special interview with the director and a Lesson Plan/Guidebook. SRP is \$59.95, and orders may be placed at www.choicesvideo.net.

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Choices, Inc. is a specialty distributor of quality documentaries, educational programming, and feature films. The company believes that documentaries are highly effective teaching tools, and provides both lesson plans and guidebooks as a resource for educators. More information is available online at www.choicesvideo.net.

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