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Academy Award-Winning Filmmaker to Speak at El Camino College

El Camino College's video/film department will sponsor a visit from Academy Award-winning filmmaker Mark Jonathan Harris at 7 p.m. March 30 in the campus' Marsee Auditorium, 16007 Crenshaw Boulevard, near Torrance. The event is free and open to the public.

Harris will also screen his Academy Award winning feature documentary "Into the Arms of Strangers, Stories from the Kindertransport," which he wrote and directed. After the screening, Harris will be available for a question-and-answer period.

This special screening at El Camino College is funded by the Edison Artist-in-Residence series and is a chance to see a memorable film that deals with the extraordinary rescue operation just prior to WWII that transported over 10,000 Jewish and other children to Great Britain to avoid Nazi persecution. The film won the 2001 Academy Award for Best Feature Documentary.

A three-time Academy Award winner, Harris is also a professor at the USC School of Cinema-Television and a noted author. In 1988, he received the Oscar for Best Feature Length Documentary for "The Long Way Home," and in 1968, he won the award for Best Short Documentary for "The Redwood." In 2003, Harris's HBO documentary, "Unchained Memories: Readings From the Slave Narratives," received two Emmy nominations. He has also written five children's novels and two books of non-fiction.

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