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DURHAM, N.H. -- The University of New Hampshire Center for the Humanities announces three premiere screenings of "Uprooted: Heartache and Hope in New Hampshire," a documentary about refugees in the Granite State.

In the documentary, five re-settled refugees tell their personal stories of war, persecution, refugee camps, and starting their lives again in New Hampshire. Umija and Rasin Gusinac, Udai Baskota, Zahara Mahitula, and Manuf Mahmood come from different countries and backgrounds, but they are all part of the most recent chapter in New Hampshire’s ongoing population narrative.

Premiere screenings will be held in Concord, Laconia, and Manchester at the following times and locations:

- Oct. 23, 2010, 2 p.m., Red River Theatres, 11 S. Main St., Concord
- Nov. 16, 2010, 7 p.m., Laconia Middle School, 150 McGrath St., Laconia
- Nov. 18, 2010, at 7 p.m., New Hampshire Institute of Art, French Building, 148 Concord St., Manchester

The screenings are free and open to the public. A panel discussion will follow each screening.

"Uprooted: Heartache and Hope in New Hampshire" is the first in a series of documentaries based on oral histories collected by the UNH Center for the Humanities for the project, "Our State, Our Stories." The project aims to understand how the experiences of New Hampshire’s most recent newcomers connect with those of past immigrants. "Our State, Our Stories" is funded by the New Hampshire Humanities Council as part of its Fences and Neighbors immigration project and the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation.

For more information visit http://www.unh.edu/humanities-center/ or call (603) 862-4356.

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