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WGVU presents Independent Cinema at the UICA Series Continues on May 5 with *Ask Not*

(Grand Rapids, MI, April 30, 2009) On Tuesday, May 5 at 7 p.m., WGVU continues the Independent Cinema series at the Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts with the film *Ask Not*. A discussion will follow with local panelists, including Rebecca Berndt-Downen, an Afghanistan veteran from the Grand Rapids VA.

As wars rage in the Middle East, the U.S. military is eager for more recruits – unless you happen to be openly gay. This film explores the tangled political battles that led to the infamous “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy and reveals the personal stories of gay Americans who serve in combat under a veil of secrecy.

This screening event is part of the ITVS Community Cinema program. The film will also air on Tuesday, June 16 at 10 p.m. on WGVU HD and at 11 p.m. on WGVU TV as part of the PBS series *Independent Lens*.

Free screenings of *Independent Lens* films are held the first Tuesday of every month. For more on the Independent Cinema series, including upcoming dates and films, visit wgvu.org/cinema or myspace.com/independentcinemagr.

WGVU's continued mission is to provide educational, informative, and entertaining programs and events to the West Michigan community as a service of Grand Valley State University.

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