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Holocaust Memorial Center hosts A Call to Spy discussion w/screenplay writer and book author

7:00 PM | Monday Mar 1, 2021

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The **Holocaust Memorial Center** is hosting **A Call to Spy**, featuring a discussion with Sarah Megan Thomas who wrote the 2019 movie screenplay, plays Virginia Hall, and produced the film; and Craig Gralley, author of *Hall of Mirrors: Virginia Hall: America's Greatest Spy of WWII*. The event will take online on **Mon., March 1 at 7:00 p.m.** EDT, broadcast live as a Zoom webinar. Registration is required at www.holocaustcenter.org/spy.

During the program, Thomas and Gralley will discuss World War II spies Virginia Hall, an ambitious American with a wooden leg, and Noor Inayat Khan, a Muslim pacifist, who were recruited to be part of Winston Churchill's new spy agency, SOE, by "Spymistress" Vera Atkins, a Jewish woman who faced antisemitism in London while working for the SOE.

Film synopsis: In the beginning of WWII, with Britain becoming desperate, Churchill orders his new spy agency – "SOE" – to recruit and train women as spies. Their daunting mission: conduct sabotage and build a resistance. SOE's "Spymistress," Vera Atkins (*Stana Katic*) recruits two unusual candidates: Virginia Hall (*Sarah Megan Thomas*), an ambitious American with a wooden leg, and Noor Inayat Khan (*played by Radhika Apte*), a Muslim pacifist. Together, these women help to undermine the Nazi regime in France, leaving an unmistakable legacy in their wake. Inspired by true stories, this *original screenplay* draws on SOE, OSS (pre-cursor to CIA), and CIA files, as well as interviews with living relatives.

Community Partners for this event are the Detroit Jewish Film Festival and the Greater Farmington Film Festival.

The mission of the Holocaust Memorial Center is to engage, educate and empower by remembering the Holocaust. By offering important and diverse programming, the Holocaust Memorial Center teaches that history is made through a series of choices and that every choice has a consequence. The goal of the Holocaust Memorial Center is to teach critical thinking and ethical decision making, inspiring individuals to choose to stand up and speak out against hateful words and acts.

Price: Free

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