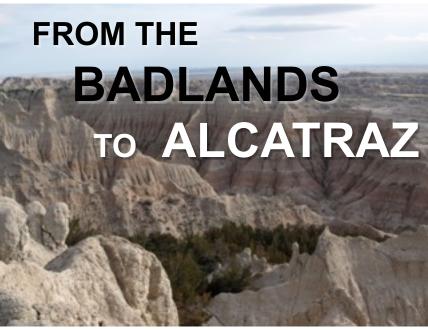


From the rugged sandstone of the Badlands to the broad blue expanse of San Francisco Bay, the film documents a seemingly impossible journey for young Lakota Sioux, encompassing geographic, cultural, physical, and spiritual challenges. "From the Badlands to Alcatraz" is a beautifully crafted, awe-inspiring journey, spreading hope and enthusiasm from its unlikely Alcatraz swimmers to its viewers who are sure to fall under its spell.



Judy Irving ("The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill")

Summer program: Year of the Bay



Wednesday, June 12, 6 PM Western Addition Branch, SFPL 1550 Scott Street San Francisco, CA

Wednesday, June 26, 6 PM Portrero Branch, SFPL 1616 20th Street San Francisco, CA

This lovely film chronicles the heroic effort of Oglala Lakota people to reclaim health and spiritual power by swimming from Alcatraz to San Francisco. As daunting as it is for anyone, for land-locked people who had only six days to train, it is an enormous undertaking. The film chronicles not only the event but also the struggle for those living on Pine Ridge Reservation to change their diet and overall health in the face of staggering poverty. Nancy Iverson is to be applauded for her work on the reservation as a pediatrician and for this must-see film."

Peter Coyote (Actor and Author)

This is one of the most beautiful and inspiring documentaries I have ever seen!"

Lynne Cox ("Swimming to Antarctica")

Special Guest Appearance
Nancy Iverson
Producer and Director, PATHSTAR Alcatraz swimmer