

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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**HONORARY CHAIRS  
SPEAKER MICHAEL E. BUSCH  
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY EXECUTIVE JANET S. OWENS  
AND ANNAPOLIS MAYOR ELLEN O. MOYER  
INVITE YOU TO:**

**A TRIBUTE EVENING TO FORMER MAYOR ROGER “PIP” MOYER,  
HONORING A HALF-CENTURY OF PUBLIC SERVICE  
...AND A FUNDRAISER TO PRESERVE HIS LEGACY IN THE UPCOMING  
DOCUMENTARY FILM, PIP & ZASTROW: AN AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP**

**—DURING ANNAPOLIS ARTWORKS 2006—**



**THE EVENING: JUNE 1, 2006**

Honorary Event Chairs, Speaker Michael E. Busch, County Executive Janet Owens and Annapolis Mayor Ellen O. Moyer along with Film Directors Victoria Bruce and Karin Hayes will host the event of the season—a step into Annapolis’s historical past, celebrating Roger “Pip” Moyer’s 50 years of public service. Maryland Hall gym becomes an old Annapolis jazz club where guests enter through a façade of the Washington Hotel—an historic Annapolis nightclub owned by “Udie” Legum, where Pearl Bailey, Duke Ellington and Sarah Vaughn once brought down the house. The evening will include:

- A vignette performed by Scottie Preston and a debut of the Naptown Players—a new group of local youth dancers and performers—directed by Janice Hayes-Williams
- Live Jazz Music
- Spectacular cuisine and beverages from the finest Annapolis purveyors

**THE DOCUMENTARY FILM:**

**PIP & ZASTROW: AN AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP**

On an April night in 1968, two men helped save Annapolis, Maryland, from being destroyed by riots following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. One man was Roger "Pip" Moyer, a Caucasian and the town's young Mayor; the other was Pip's best friend Joseph "Zastrow" Simms, an African American serving jail time. The two had been friends since high school in the late 1940s. As the best athletes at their segregated schools, they formed a bond that has lasted over half a century and endured twists of fate that turned Zastrow into a celebrated community leader and left Pip scrambling to save his political career. Today, the two friends continue to be staples of the Annapolis community.

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**With your generous, tax-deductible table sponsorship donation** we can produce the documentary film about the story of Pip and Zastrow—a local story with national resonance—and explore important questions about race, friendship and community. We are working to raise \$500,000 for pre-production, production and post-production. To produce this film we will utilize local talent, including students, humanities professionals and production crews. We are looking to finish the film in 2007 for a gala Annapolis premiere, followed by a national film festival tour, a national television broadcast on public television and/or cable networks, and educational, museum and community screenings.

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### **EVENT DETAILS:**

- **Thursday, June 1, 2006**
- **6:00 PM to 10:00 PM**
- **Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts**  
801 Chase Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401
- **Tickets \$150/person, (\$100 tax-deductible) available online at [www.pipandzastrow.com/news.htm](http://www.pipandzastrow.com/news.htm)**
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