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{Docurama Film Festival II}
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“A superb profile in civil rights courage.”
– *The Washington Post*

“The best kind of historical record, one that resonates today”
– *The New York Times*

**COINCIDING WITH 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BLACK PANTHER
MOVEMENT, DOCURAMA[®] RELEASES THE GRITTY AND SOULFUL
STORY OF ONE OF ITS MOST FERVENT LEADERS**

PASSIN' IT ON

The DVD Release of This Award-Winning Doc is Packed With Never-Before-Seen Interviews With the Subject Dhoruba Bin Wahad, Author and Activist Kathleen Cleaver, Filmmaker John J. Valdez and Former Black Panther Jamal Joseph

NEW YORK, NY – They’re one of the most notorious groups in the history of American politics, but rarely has their story been told from the inside. Part indictment, part redemption tale, **PASSIN’ IT ON** offers startling insight into the role of the Black Panther Party in social change and the FBI’s devious targeting of one of the organization’s most fervent leaders, Dhoruba Bin Wahad. It is the gritty and soulful story of a man in search of justice who is wronged by the nation with which he is at odds. A documentary classic and festival favorite, **PASSIN’ IT ON** is a must-see for American history buffs and social activists. Released to coincide with the 40th anniversary of the Black Panther movement, the film will be available on an extras-loaded DVD September 26, for \$26.95SRP.

Emerging from the Bronx ghettos and a life of petty crime, Dhoruba dived headfirst into the Black Power movement, serving soup to poor people with one hand while wielding a gun with the other. Amid a national program of FBI-led oppression against the Panthers, Dhoruba was framed on the flimsy charges of killing two police officers and sent to prison. After trials and mistrials, incarceration and eventual acquittal 17 years later, a still-impassioned Dhoruba, his attorneys, and other Panthers finally tell this incredible tale of race, revolution, and regret.

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Directed by award-winning filmmaker John J. Valdez (*Making Peace*), the film has earned critical praise across the board. The DVD release digs even deeper, with bonus interviews from Dhoruba Bin Wahad in Ghana, author and activist Kathleen Cleaver, former Black Panther Jamal Joseph and filmmaker Valadez, plus a filmmaker biography.

“A visually compelling film that speaks of a movement, not only a man”¹, PASSIN’ IT ON bristles with poetry and the exhilarating recollections of a true American political prisoner.

About Docurama Film Festival™

Inspired by the unique, creative energy and exclusive “buzz” only experienced at a film festival, Docurama launched an innovative, home entertainment industry first in June 2006 with the DOCURAMA FILM FESTIVAL (DFF). Creating a new way for audiences to experience the excitement of a festival, anywhere, and at any time, on DVD, the DFF features a slate of astonishing, unforgettable films home viewers won’t see anywhere else and a host of singular tools to help deepen the viewing experience -- a dedicated website featuring filmmaker Q&A’s, podcasts, an interactive “buzz” blog, a festival catalog and more. The first festival launched on June 27; DOCURAMA FILM FESTIVAL II is scheduled for September 26, 2006. The DOCURAMA FILM FESTIVAL will change the way audiences view documentaries on DVD forever.

About Docurama

Founded in 1999 by parent company New Video Group Inc., Docurama is the only label dedicated exclusively to bringing critically acclaimed and cutting-edge documentary films to the home entertainment marketplace. Since its launch, Docurama has released over 150 award-winning and highly acclaimed films including D.A. Pennebaker’s *Bob Dylan: Dont Look Back*, *Brother’s Keeper* and *Paradise Lost* from acclaimed filmmaking partners Joe Berlinger & Bruce Sinofsky, *Southern Comfort*, *Lost in La Mancha*, *Lost Boys of Sudan*, *Andy Goldsworthy’s Rivers and Tides Working With Time*, the 2005 theatrical sleeper hit *The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill* and the widely acclaimed Sundance Channel documentary series *The Staircase*. Among Docurama’s collection of Academy Award® winners and nominees are *Murder on a Sunday Morning*, *The Weather Underground*, *Maya Lin: A Strong Clear Vision*, *Regret To Inform*, *Children Underground*, *Sister Rose’s Passion*, and *Sound and Fury*. New Video is also the exclusive label and distributor for the A&E Home Video, The History Channel® and Biography®. To find out more about these or any Docurama films visit www.newvideo.com or www.docurama.com

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Street date:	September 26, 2006	Sug. Retail Price:	\$26.95
Rating:	N/A	Catalog #:	NVG-9821
Running Time:	102 mins. including extras	Screeners:	Avail. upon request
Format:	DVD	Color Art:	Avail. upon request

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