

Educator Response to Socheata Poeuv

“Socheata Poeuv is an engaging speaker who touches the hearts of her audience as she describes life experiences and work as a human rights activist. *New Baby* is brilliantly and sensitively filmed. Socheata’s personal quest for answers to her family’s history provides a dramatic context for creating an awareness of the atrocities that the Cambodian people have endured.”

-Laura Rossi-Le
Dean of Undergraduate Studies,
Endicott College

“New Year Baby was an excellent, captivating, accessible, personal means through which to learn about the little known, seldom taught Cambodian genocide. **Socheata’s warmth, sincerity and passion clearly spoke to our students**; the opportunity to dialogue with Socheata was a powerful complement to the film screening.”

-Aya S. Murata
Dean, Pine Knoll Cluster
Andover Phillips Academy

Socheata Poeuv's film is a moving depiction of her family's return to Cambodia, almost forty years after fleeing Pol Pot's regime. **Poeuv's visit to Cal State, Long Beach captured the hearts of our students** and our local Cambodian American community, most of whom have been touched by the devastating effects of that time. Our Cambodian American students embraced her and thanked her for sharing a common story - one of both tragedy and triumph.

-Perrin Reid, M.A., J.D.
Director, Office of Equity and Diversity
California State University, Long Beach

The night of the screening we experienced a number of technical mishaps. Yet, in spite of the added pressure this placed on Poev, she remained composed, eloquent, and gracious: she offered an impromptu talk on the historical relations between Cambodia and the United States before the screening and, following the screening, conducted an intimate and insightful Q & A **that drew the audience to their feet** by the end of the night. **Poeuv is an eloquent and generous speaker:** the audience responds immediately and warmly to her intelligent and thoughtful words.

-Lai Ying Yu,
Graduate Student
Tufts University

(New Year Baby had) four times the normal turn out and (the Activities Board had) **never seen some many students stay for a panel discussion** afterwards... Students approached me and Deepti Vanguri after the film showings to tell us how much they enjoyed the film. I truly feel “New Year Baby” is the best documentary I’ve ever seen.

- Ann M. Mallett
Vietnamese American Heritage Archivist
The Vietnam Archive
Texas Tech University

I saw Socheata speak to a large audience at Yale and invited her to speak to my "Leadership & Values" class. Socheata is a very charming speaker, the subject is very important, and the DVD is very polished; **the combo makes for a powerful and moving experience.** Without giving away too many spoilers, there are several parts of this movie (especially when the producers -- years later -- confront those involved in the perpetration of the genocide) **that will make you say wow.**

-Daylian Cain, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor,

Yale School of Management.