

Words from the Audience

"Ultimately inspirational"

- G. Todd Silva

*"The theatre was packed beyond capacity with not even standing room left. The film is so **emotive and beautiful**, the audience was unified through it. A truly **moving, captivating, and superb** documentary."*

- Monika Nowaczyk

*"This film **should be required viewing** in every church, high school, college, and university in the nation. Socheata Poeuv puts the **human face on the statistics** with her personal and very moving story of her family."*

- Judy and Ernie Ross

*"I cannot express our reaction to this film. **It blew us away**. By technical standards it was **perfect**, its content left the audience almost **speechless**. It was such an enriching evening that I want to **thank you** for the opportunity to see it."*

- John Dunn

*"The showing **sold out** almost immediately. It truly is a **remarkable film**, an incredibly **powerful retelling** of the Cambodian genocide in terms of an individual family. It could very well have an **extraordinary influence** on a generation of young Cambodians who have not yet come to terms with their history. We felt tremendously*

lucky to have been able to attend this showing.”

- Cov Davis and Robin Hinch

*“I am awed by this film. The **beauty of love and forgiveness** is folded into the **beauty and truth of the film itself** – its power **surprised and moved me**. This is an **important film for the world.**”*

- Linda Ruocco

*“**Incredibly moving... an education that cannot be taught in a classroom**”*

- Ilyssa Berg

*Socheata engaged thirty educators in a discussion of the Cambodian experience in the context of other historical genocide and how to teach about these experiences. Her **documentary film, personal connections, and well informed opinions enriched this undertaking**. The use of animation and Socheata's narrative are **engaging to modern media-savvy students**. It was remarkable how the audience fell silent and became totally **engaged** in the film. The showing was followed by questions for Socheata that reflected **deep inquiry** in the meaning of the experiences portrayed.*

-Peter Gilmartin

*We both had tears in our eyes. What an unbelievable story ... from happy Cambodian homes in Phnom Phen to the labor camps and killing fields to Thailand and refugee camps to Texas and back again. **A journey of unbelievable emotions.***

- Joanne McNary

*“Beautifully done! Thank you for your **vision** and the **courage** to complete it with such professionalism.”*

- *Christie Hokenstad*

“A quietly magnificent piece of art that promises to be a great healing instrument for the present and future.”

- *Naava Piatica*

“This film is a work of art, and important document that needs to be seen world-wide.”

- *Jiel Sussman*

“This film was extraordinarily moving, and will promote both justice and healing. The humanity, strength, faith, and love of the Cambodian people came alive for me.”

- *Bill Spencer*

“Only through powerfully and courageously confronting the truth can one heal, and forgive and therefore be free to live a life of contribution and fully express love. The art of film is graced by works like these.”

- *Faitti Lucas*

“Socheata 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*

"A powerful story of the test of faith."

- Erin Romnson

*"I hope **the world** sees this film and is moved as I was."*

- Joanne Lee

*"I was **swept away** by the **emotional strength** of the story. All the years of history, everything that happened is so clearly seen in the eyes of Socheata's father, of the former Khmer Rouge cadre, of Socheata herself."*

- Kenway Louie

*"It's **impossible not to connect** with every single character."*

- Mark Hunek

*"A very deep, moving, yet simple film of one family's journey of survival and discovery. **Quietly told, yet emotionally powerful.**"*

- Chris Huneke

*"A beautiful story that drew me in more at each moment. It **touched me both as a daughter and as a human being.** It made me realize how these stories can **never be forgotten** so history does not repeat itself."*

- Ofelia Silvia

*“As a parent of Khmer children I feel the need to some day explain this story which is beyond explanation. I am **grateful and inspired** that you told the story.”*

- Richard Cook

*“My parents escaped from Iraq to Israel and then to the USA. I don't know exactly what I am feeling but your family's struggles made it clearer to me what they went through. It made me realize how much I don't know about my family's struggle. **Thank you so much**”*

- Sam Raby

*“I have an older sister who survived the devastating genocide and this film has allowed me to **get a glimpse** of the horrors that she faced. Now I can understand why she is the way she is... Your film really **touched my heart.**”*

- Victoria Huon

*“I got there about 15 minutes before the film started and got the last seat in the whole theatre. **People were sitting anywhere they could on the floor.** I knew of other friends who had shown up half an hour early to see the third screening of the film in a week.”*

- Annie Perng

*“One of the most **inspirational and educational** films I've seen about the Khmer Rouge. Truly a film that **should be seen by everyone!**” - -*

-Ama Tupu

“Academy worthy!”

- Amber Vera

*“This is a story that must be **shared with the world**. If more films like this were made and shown, perhaps there would be less of a chance of horrible genocides such as that of the Khmer Rouge. The **humor, sadness, tragedy and overwhelming love** was truly **inspirational**.”*

- Valerie Dickson

*“I went to this film with the anticipation of experiencing a good documentary... I never expected a film of this magnitude. The words **“powerful”** and **“intense”** were being murmured **throughout the crowd**, that become bonded together in their grief for this travesty caused by the evil of man.”*

- Carole Mebane

*“Wow. I just wanted to tell you, and I’m sure you all have no shortage of messages like these, that it **moved all of us**. To be invited into such an intimate and delicate situation, and to witness it in such a personal way, is an essential part of the human experience... **A film that will foster and change lives.**”*

- Diane Flick

*“Your film is so important to **tell the world** the truth about the genocide in Cambodia so it is no longer a secret, but a part of history that needs to be told. Your **beautiful story** of healthy and unfolding of secrets **moves and inspires** me. So poignant, so authentic and moving. **Thank you for who you are on behalf of the world.**”*

- *Babaia Frankel*

*"This is a **wake-up call** to us, the lucky ones."*

- *Cheyl Tam*

*"I had the experience of being in Cambodia myself and feeling the pain and hurt of their past. As a second generation immigrant myself, I gained a **new perspective** and **appreciation** for my **parents**, and their hardship of starting a new life in a new country. **Thank you** for this **eye-opening experience**."*

- *Masami Ohashi*

*"**Phenomenal!** This is a film that will **inspire all communities around the world** that share the experience. There are millions of people around the world that are connected by this theme, this film can help them heal."*

- *Sheba*

*"An inspiring journey! It **speaks to humanity** on so many levels."*

- *Marc Soloman*

*"This film is powerful because it is inspired by the **spirit of inquiry** common to **all people** everywhere in the world."*

- *Nnabulhe*

*"This was a **powerful, courageous** work of **life, art, and heart**. I was **humbled and deeply moved** by every interaction."*

- Jennifer Watt

“The recognition this film received is absolutely deserved. The film has the opportunity to lift many veils, open many new conversations in the world.”

-Jody Goldstein

“Absolutely amazing and inspirational! If more movies like this were shared, we would be living in a world community that is ready to live with more **peace** and **integrity** in the world!”

-Alexa Frame