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MEDIA RELEASE

Seeking solutions to violence and bullying across the U.S. at the Bentley University Premiere of the documentary film: *Coexist*

WHEN: Wednesday, March 23rd, 5pm
WHERE: Bentley University, Wilder Pavillion
175 Forest Street Waltham, MA 02452

Bullying, scapegoating, name-calling, and “othering” are getting a lot of attention lately. Who's fighting to stop the violence and start cultivating peace?

On Wednesday, March 23rd at 5 p.m. hundreds of people will gather at Bentley University Premiere of the documentary film, *Coexist* to engage in dialogue about these vital issues, which directly impact the ability of youth to succeed and thrive.

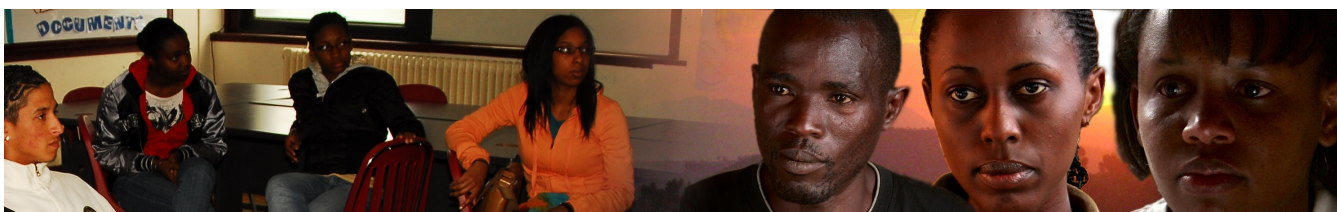
Veteran journalist and filmmaker Adam Mazo will lead a discussion following the screening and will answer audience questions following the screening at approximately 6:00pm. *Coexist* explores the painful and personal stories of Rwandan genocide survivors as they are made to try to reconcile with perpetrators being released back into their communities. There are no easy answers in this story and critics say that *Coexist* masterfully captures the nuance and complexity of the situation.

The filmmakers' goal is for *Coexist* to be used as a tool to foster understanding about how violence escalates, how it can be interrupted, and the potential each of us has to be victim, perpetrator, bystander, and upstander.

In a unique collaboration Mr. Mazo developed this film with *Coexist* Learning Director Dr. Mishy Lesser through interaction with students and teens in schools and youth groups. The *Coexist* team screened the rough cut of the film for hundreds of young people who helped sharpen its message for greater clarity and impact.

*Clips of the film and photos are available at www.coexistdocumentary.org

*Screening is scheduled from 5:10-6:10 p.m. Best photo opportunities will be before and after the screening until 7 p.m.



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Coexist Fact Sheet

PRE-PRODUCTION

- 1 year of fundraising, planning, and developing the project
- 7 members of the *Coexist* Advisory Board
- 100+ private donors and foundations supporting the film

PRODUCTION

- 1 month of production in Rwanda
- 5 member production team in Rwanda
- 4 translators
- 3 languages spoken in the film (Kinyarwanda, English, & French)
- 3 times the crew was detained in Rwanda
- 34 interviews conducted
- 3 reconciliation workshops visited
- 65,000 airline miles traveled
- 63 reels of video
- 682 gigabytes of video

POST-PRODUCTION

- 2,000+ hours of editing
- 10+ rough cut screenings for dozens of students, filmmakers, and advisors
- 34 page *Coexist* Viewer's Guide including 5 lessons built around the film
- 100+ professors, activists, & peacebuilders engaged at the International Peace & Justice Studies Association Conference in Winnipeg, Canada
- 1 Hollywood premiere at the Artist Film Festival on December 4th
- 2+ years from conception to completion of film (July 2008-Sept 2010)

More information: coexistdocumentary.org/main/press-kit

Production Stills: coexistdocumentary.org/main/gallery

Crew Bios: coexistdocumentary.org/main/team

Advisory Board: coexistdocumentary.org/main/board

