



### NEWS RELEASE

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#### **Louisa May Alcott Documentary to be shown at the Library**

The Santa Maria Public Library is pleased to host the documentary film and biography, *Louisa May Alcott: The Woman Behind Little Women* in celebration of the month of March as of Women's History Month.

The film utilizes animation, digital effects as well as docudrama and is the first biography of this truly American icon. Louisa May Alcott was her own best character, and her life was dramatic, funny, surprising, and mysterious enough for several novels. The award-winning documentary traces her struggle from poverty to wealth and celebrity and the lifelong conflict between her powerful desires and her family's powerful needs.

Raised in the center of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century New England's great transcendentalist and abolitionist movements, Louisa May Alcott learned about literature from Emerson, went on nature walks with Thoreau and saw the Civil War up close as an army nurse. Her story is the story of three eras of American history, the Romantic Transcendental period, the Civil War, and the Gilded Age.

Please join us on Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Shepard Hall for this very special event. This program is open to adults and students ages 14 and up. A FREE ticket is required for admission to our special events and seating is limited! Tickets are available in the Children's Room of the Library.

Patrons can come to the Library to pick tickets up, OR they may call once tickets become available to reserve them, but they must be picked up before closing of the same day. A maximum of six (6) tickets can be reserved, but reservations can only be made once. Tickets not picked up will be returned to available status the following day.

The Library's hours are 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays, and 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays. The Library is closed on Sundays.

Questions may be directed to Cultural Events Coordinator Deborah Hildinger at the Santa Maria Public Library, 925-0951 ext 117.

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