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## **ZONTA BRINGING *AFGHAN STAR* TO THE CAPRI THEATRE**

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(Montgomery) - On March 7, 2010, the Zonta Club of Montgomery will present *Afghan Star* at the Capri Theatre. This *Sundance* winner will be in Montgomery for one showing only, and net proceeds will benefit Women for Women International.

After the overthrow of Taliban rule in Afghanistan in 2001, television and pop culture were once again possible for the people of Afghanistan. A television contest to name Afghanistan's best singer was wildly popular, with more than 2000 singers auditioning, and millions watching and voting by cell phone during the weeks of the contest. *Afghan Star* follows the final four contestants, and focuses closely on the two women finalists who bravely compete, even though opposition to women singing in public is so strong among some in the old guard that the women fear for their lives. Entertaining, educational, and inspirational, this film should not be missed.

*Afghan Star*, winner of two Sundance Film Festival awards (World Cinema Documentary Audience Award 2009 and World Cinema Documentary Directing Award 2009), will be at the Capri Theatre for one-showing only, on Sunday, March 7, 2010. There will be a reception at 2:00 p.m., and *Afghan Star* will begin at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each, and may be purchased at the door.

Zonta is bringing *Afghan Star* to Montgomery in celebration of International Women's Day, which is the day after the movie. Net proceeds will benefit Women for Women International, which "supports women in war-torn regions with financial and emotional aid, job-skills training, rights education and small business assistance so they can rebuild their lives." A short video on Women for Women will play before *Afghan Star*. Donations to Women for Women are welcome.

Zonta is an international organization of professionals dedicated to improving the status of women worldwide. The Montgomery Club was chartered in 1948, and has been active since then in supporting women locally and around the world.

If you are interested in joining the Club or learning more about it, please contact our Membership Chair Marietta Kouns at 334.451.2527 or by email at [zonta.montgomery@gmail.com](mailto:zonta.montgomery@gmail.com). You can also learn about our Club at our website: [www.zontamontgomeryal.org](http://www.zontamontgomeryal.org).

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