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***MEDORA* at The DocYard
Thursday, November 14, 2013 at 8pm at the Brattle Theatre**

CAMBRIDGE, MA — **The DocYard**, Boston's premier showcase for non-fiction film, is excited to present **Andrew Cohn** and **Davy Rothbart**'s documentary ***MEDORA***, which won the grand jury prize and audience award at the 2013 Indianapolis International Film Festival.



Synopsis: In Indiana, where life revolves around high school basketball, what happens to a community when their beloved team can no longer win a single game?

Years ago, Medora was a booming rural community with a thriving middle class. The factories and farms have since closed, the population has dwindled, and the school faces consolidation. ***MEDORA*** follows the down-but-not-out Medora Hornets, capturing the players' stories on and off the court as they seek to avoid another winless season. ***MEDORA*** is an in-depth, deeply personal look at small-town life, a thrilling, underdog basketball story, and an inspiring tale of a community refusing to give up hope despite brutal odds stacked against them.

***Filmmakers Andrew Cohn and Davy Rothbart will attend in person for Q&A.
Q&A will be moderated by Janice Page, Film Editor for the Boston Globe.***

Andrew Cohn is a screenwriter and documentary filmmaker who is the creator and co-producer of the off-Broadway play *FOUND: People Find Stuff. Now It's a Show*. He has directed material for Comedy Central, Fuse and has several projects currently in development.

Davy Rothbart is the creator and editor of *FOUND Magazine*, a frequent contributor to public radio's *This American Life*, and the author of *My Heart is an Idiot*, a book of personal essays, and *The Lone Surfer of Montana, Kansas*, a collection of stories.

Janice Page, a former Los Angeles Times writer and editor, is currently film editor at The Boston Globe, where she also writes reviews and features. In her spare time she oversees the development and production of all books published by The Boston Globe, including the recently released New York Times bestseller "Whitey Bulger: America's Most Wanted Gangster and the Manhunt That Brought Him to Justice," by Kevin Cullen and Shelley Murphy. She is also a marathon runner, a diehard sports fan, and the editor of "Fenway Park: A Salute to the Coolest, Cruellest, Longest-Running Major League Baseball Park in America."

"Filmmakers Andrew Cohn and Davy Rothbart have crafted an impressive first feature [...] It tells a timely and important story with raw immediacy, tracing the losing team, as basketball is a proxy for the greater story." — John Fink, *The Film Stage*

"MEDORA powerfully pushes past our defenses and indifference to remind us that when almost nothing is left, a win can mean everything." — Matt Goldberg, *Collider*

Tickets for each film can be purchased online at www.brattlefilm.org or at the Brattle box office.

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