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## **2009 TOMI FILM FESTIVAL OPENING NIGHT FILM**

**2009 HOST CITY PHOENIX, ARIZONA**

**New York, NY (February 10, 2009)** – Celebrating Black History month our festival will open with the extraordinary tale of man who felt he could make change. Elected the 44<sup>th</sup> President of the United States, President Barack Obama is a part of history. 'PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA – THE MAN AND HIS JOURNEY' will open the 2009 TOMI FILM FESTIVAL at the Arizona Science Center

### **PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA – THE MAN AND HIS JOURNEY**

**Director: Maria Arita-Howard**

**Appearances By:** Martin Luther King III, Elder Bernice King, Blair Underwood, George Lopez, Hill Harper, Roland Martin, Tom Joyner, Linda Johnson Rice, Prof. Laurence Tribe, Prof. Graham Allison, Prof. Randall Kennedy, Prof. Dennis Simon, David Mendell, Sen. Kirk Dillard (R), Molly Hanchey, Robert Kiyosaki, Lynn Norment, JP Donlon, Jim Mattox, John Bouman, Major General James Williams, Jim Burke, Roberta Kelson, Grayson Gosnell, Will Essayan, Yolanda Scott, Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr and The Bergevin Brothers

**Synopsis:** Noble senator. Devoted father. Loving husband. Patriotic leader. Barack Obama is an inspirational American who has risen to the top of the political spectrum through hard work, integrity and perseverance. And his campaign for "Change You Can Believe In" has set the stage for a new chapter in American history. This intimate documentary features many of the most prominent figures in news, politics, religion and business, fully embracing the monumental significance of the 2008 Presidential Election.

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