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Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum to Host Documentary Screening of Andrew Buckley's *Hit and Run History*

Provincetown (June 30, 2009) – Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum (PMPM) announced today that they will host a documentary film screening of Andrew Buckley's *Hit and Run History: The Columbia Expedition*, a project taking the viewer on a journey following the tracks of John Kendrick and the Columbia Expedition. The event will take place on Tuesday, July 21st at 7 p.m. and is free of charge.

Buckley's film describes America's first circumnavigation of the globe, prompted by desperate Boston merchants soon after the American Revolution. The exploration was commanded by former privateer John Kendrick and set out from Boston in 1787. Three years later, the ship returned to Boston as a commercial failure, also leaving Kendrick missing in China.

Kendrick's story is portrayed by Buckley in a gritty style, taking the viewer directly to the scenes of historical events along the journey, filming the sites as they are today. Numerous adventures in Kendrick's life are filmed in the documentary, such as Kendrick's involvement in the Boston Tea Party, seizing British ships during the Revolution, his explorations and trades in the Pacific, and being the first American to visit Japan.

The Columbia Expedition is considered a chapter of lost history, partly because it is so vastly scattered across the globe. Author and master mariner, Buckley has performed research and writing around the Columbia Expedition for fourteen years, with contacts in every location of the expedition.

In addition to the film screening, this free PMPM event includes a signing of Buckley's historical fiction novel *The Bostoner*, whose subject matter is based around the Columbia Expedition. Buckley will also sign copies of his travel book published last year, *Tours of Cape Cod*.

About the Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum

Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum is a non-profit educational, tax-exempt 501(3)(c) organization. Its mission is to commemorate the history of the Mayflower Pilgrims, culminating in their arrival and stay in Provincetown Harbor and the signing of the Mayflower Compact.

In addition, the Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum collects, preserves, interprets, researches, exhibits, and publishes archival historical materials and exhibit materials depicting important events of Provincetown history. For more information please visit pilgrim-monument.org.

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